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Marchers carry signs in the shape of life preservers with the names of coastal communities at risk during the People's Climate March in New York, Sept. 21, 2014. The march paraded through Manhattan on Sunday, taking frustration over stalled efforts to curb carbon emissions to the streets ahead of a climate summit meeting at the United Nations.

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Call for Action at Climate March in New York

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NEW YORK - Under leaden skies, throngs of demonstrators stretching as far as the eye could see moved through Midtown Manhattan late Sunday morning, chanting their demands for action on climate change.

With drums and tubas, ban- "I'm here because I really held across the alobe ners and floats, the People's Climate March represented a broad coalition of ages, races, geographic locales and interests, with union members, religious leaders, scientists, politicians and students joining the procession.

feel that every major social movement in this country has come when people get together," said Carol Sutton of Norwalk, Connecticut, the president of a teachers' union.

"It begins in the streets." Climates marches were on Sunday, from Paris to Papua New Guinea, and with world leaders gathering at the United Nations on Tuesday for a climate summit meeting, marchers said the timing was right for the populist message in support of limits on carbon

The signs that marchers held were as varied as the movement: "There is No Planet B," "Forests Not for Sale" and "Jobs, Justice, Clean Energy."

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With vote totals kept secret;

US lauds new Afghan president Admadzai

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KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)

— Ending months of voterelated tension, Afghanistan's election commission named a new president on Sunday only hours after the two leading candidates signed a power-sharing deal that names one of them as the country's new chief executive.

The commission named Ashraf Ghani Ahmadzai from Taliban militants, and ended when the two leading candidates signed a national unity government agreement and embraced in a hug.

U.S. officials lauded the deal and said they believed Ghani Ahmadzai would sign a security agreement soon after taking his oath of office that would allow some 10,000 American forces to remain in Afghanistan next year. After 13 years of war following the Sept. 11, 2001

Afghanistan's presidential election candidates Abdullah Abdullah, left, and Ashraf Ghani Ahmadzai, right, prepare to leave after signing a power-sharing deal at the presidential palace in Kabul, Afghanistan, Sunday, Sept. 21, 2014. Afghanistan's two presidential candidates signed a power-sharing deal Sunday, capped with a hug and a handshake, three months after a disputed runoff that threatened to plunge the country into turmoil and complicate the withdrawal of U.S. and foreign troops. (AP Photo/Massoud Hossaini)

as the winner and next president and noted that Abdullah Abdullah will be the next chief executive. But it pointedly did not release final vote totals amid suggestions that doing so could inflame tensions.

The deal brings to a close an election season that began in April, when millions of Afghans first went to the polls despite threats

attacks, all combat troops are to withdraw by the end of 2014.

Ghani Ahmadzai and Abdullah signed the national unity government deal as President Hamid Karzai — in power since the 2001 U.S.-led invasion ousted the Taliban — looked on. It took weeks of negotiations to form a powersharing arrangement after

accusations of fraud in the June runoff vote.

"I am very happy today that both of my brothers, Dr. Ashraf Ghani and Dr. Abdullah Abdullah, in an Afghan agreement for the benefit of this country, for the progress and development of this country, that they agreed on the structure affirming the new government of Afghanistan," Karzai said after the signing. The deal is a victory for U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry, who first got the candidates to agree in principle to share power during a July visit to Afghanistan. Kerry returned to Kabul in August and has spent hours with the candidates, including in repeated phone calls, in an effort to seal the deal.

A White House statement lauded the two leaders, saying the agreement helps bring closure to Afghanistan's political crisis.

"This agreement marks an important opportunity for unity and increased stability in Afghanistan. We continue to call on all Afghans—including political, religious, and civil society leaders—to support this agreement and to come together in calling for cooperation and calm," the White House statement said.

Jan Kubis, the top U.N. official in Afghanistan, said the uncertainty of the past months took a heavy toll on Afghanistan's security, economy and governance. NATO said in a statement that it hoped both leaders could move forward "in the spirit of genuine political partnership."

UN General Assembly set to focus on war on extremists

ZEINA KARAM Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — A brutal terrorist organization that calls itself a state but lacks recognition from any government will take center stage when more than 140 heads of state and government convene for the annual ministerial meeting of the U.N. General Assembly this week.

The head of the so-called Islamic State, a man called Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, has not been invited. But the danger posed by his jihadi army will be the overriding theme for an international community horrified by its atrocities in Iraq and Syria, along with a growing concern about random beheadings or larger terror attacks at home inspired by militants abroad.

"Together, we will address the horrendous violence in Syria and Iraq, where conflict and governance failures have provided a breeding ground for extremist groups," U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon told a news conference last week.

With world leaders grappling to stitch together a coalition and plan of action, Ban said he hopes the General Assembly session will help produce an international consensus to act against the al-Qaida breakaway group, which U.S. intelligence officials estimate has up to 31,000 fighters including some 12,000 foreigners.

On the sidelines of the global gathering, President Barack Obama will lead a summit meeting of the Security Council to focus on one aspect of the threat—foreign terrorist fighters.

A draft resolution expected to be adopted by the 15-member council would require all countries to prevent the recruitment and transport of would-be foreign fighters preparing to join terrorist groups such as the Islamic State. It would also require the 193 U.N. member states to ensure that their domestic laws and regulations punish their nationals who travel — or attempt to travel — to another country to plan or carry out terrorist acts, and it threatens sanctions against recruiters and financiers for al-Qaida associated groups. Torbjorn Soltvedt, principal analyst for the Middle East and North Africa at risk advisory company Maplecroft, said the U.N. General Assembly presents an opportunity for the U.S. to consolidate and expand its coalition against the Sunni extremist Islamic State group.

"But while Obama may be able to broaden the coalition and secure additional commitments from allies, the session is unlikely to fundamentally impact the scope and nature of military operations in Syria and Iraq," he said. The Islamic State group was established in Iraq but spread in early 2013 to Syria, where it grew in the chaos of that country's civil war.





Call for action at climate march in New York

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The climate is changing," said Otis Daniels, 58, of the Bronx. "Everyone knows it; everyone feels it. But no one is doing anything about it."

At 12:58 p.m., organizers quieted the crowd for a moment of silence, followed by a blast of noise intended to sound an alarm on climate change. On Avenue of the Americas at 57th Street, there was an eerie silence as marchers raised their arms and looked down. At exactly 1 p.m., a whistle pierced the silence and set off a minute of solid sound: There were drumbeats and the blaring of horns, but mostly it was generated by people's whoops and screams. The march began just before 11:30 a.m. and covered a 2-mile route starting in Columbus Circle. Toward the back of the march, protesters were still waiting to start moving at 1:30 p.m., two hours after the demonstration began.

The U.N. summit meeting this week is expected to create a framework for a potential global agreement on emissions late



Avaaz Executive Director Ricken Patel delivers a petition to UN Secretary General Ban ki-Moon at the People's Climate March in New York City on Sunday, Sept. 21, 2014. The petition, signed by 2 million people, calls for 100% clean energy worldwide ahead of this week's UN Climate Summit in New York.

next year in Paris.

The timing of the march was also significant in another regard. Last week, meteorologists at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration announced that this summer - the months of June, July and August - was the hottest on record for the globe, and that 2014 was on track to break the record for the

hottest year, set in 2010. "Climate change is no longer an environmental issue; it's an everybody issue," Sam Barratt, a campaign director for the online advocacy group Avaaz, which helped plan the march, said Friday.

"The number of natural disasters has increased and the science is so much

(Ed Rieker/AP Images for Avaaz)

"This march has many messages, but the one that we're seeing and hearing is the call for a renewable revolution." Mayor Bill de Blasio of New York, whose administration announced this weekend a sweeping plan to overhaul energy

efficiency standards in all city-owned buildings, was among the high-profile participants expected to join the march, including the U.N. secretary general, Ban Ki-moon; former Vice President Al Gore; the actors Leonardo DiCaprio and Mark Ruffalo; at least two U.S. senators; and one-third of the New York City Council. No speeches were planned, but the march was to end with a block party. There, participants could get a closer look at many of the floats and other artwork created for the march, including a 30-foot inflatable life preserver, 100 sunflowers and a model of the New York City skyline with bicyclists powering its lights. With its bands and colorful floats, the march offered a festive atmosphere, but organizers said the underlying message was somber.

"We are trying to celebrate our lives and this planet in order to show that this is what we are fighting for," said Leslie Cagan, the logistics coordinator for the march.











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White House intruder identified as Army veteran



Uniformed Secret Service officers walk along the lawn on the North side of the White House in Washington, Saturday, Sept. 20, 2014. The Secret Service is coming under intense scrutiny after a man who hopped the White House fence made it all the way through the front door before being apprehended.

(AP Photo/Susan Walsh)

JOSH LEDERMAN
Associated Press
WASHINGTON (AP) — The

man accused of getting inside the White House after scaling a fence is a vet-

eran who was awarded a medal for his service in Iraq and retired due to disabilthe intruder from Friday night's shocking incident as Omar J. Gonzalez, 42, of Copperas Cove, Texas, and the Army said he had served from 1997 to 2003, when he was discharged, and then again from 2005 to December 2012, when he retired.

The military does not pro-

ity, the Army said Sunday.

Authorities have identified

The military does not provide details about a soldier's disability due to privacy considerations.

The Secret Service tightened security outside the White House after the embarrassing breach in which the intruder carrying a knife climbed the fence, ran across the lawn and entered the building before agents stopped him.

The first family was away from the White House at the time.

Increased surveillance and more officer patrols are among the measures that Secret Service Director Julia Pierson ordered. She also began an investigation into what went wrong. member the House Homeland Security Committee said Sunday that it was astonishing, at a time of concerns about terrorist attacks, that "someone could actually get into the White House without being stopped."

Republican Rep. Peter King said the intrusion was "absolutely inexcusable" and he expected congressional hearings into the incident at one of the world's most heavily secured buildings

"This demands a full investigation, an investigation as to what happened, why it happened and what's being done to make sure it never happens again," he told "Fox News Sunday." Officials first said the fact

that the intruder, identified

of Copperas Cove, Texas, appeared to be unarmed may have been a factor in why agents at the scene didn't shoot or have their dogs pursue him before he made it inside.

as Omar J. Gonzalez, 42,

But a criminal complaint issued late Friday revealed Gonzalez had a small folding knife with a 3 ½-inch (9-centimeter) serrated blade with him at the time of his arrest.

At a hearing late Saturday afternoon in D.C. Superior Court, the assistant public defender representing Gonzalez said Gonzalez had no convictions or arrest warrants, had tested negative Saturday for drug use and had been in the military for 18 years, including three tours in Iraq, according to The Washington Post.

"This is someone who has provided service to his country and shown commitment in his life," said the lawyer, Margarita O'Donnell, as she tried unsuccessfully to get Gonzalez released.

Gonzalez was expected to appear in federal court Monday to face charges of unlawfully entering a restricted building or grounds while carrying a deadly or dangerous weapon.

According to a criminal complaint, Gonzalez told Secret Service agents after his arrest that he was "concerned that the atmosphere was collapsing" and needed to contact the president "so he could get word out to the people."

The Army said Gonzalez enlisted in July 1997 and was assigned to the 10th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, at Fort Hood, Texas. At the time, he listed his home as Puerto Rico.



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32 structures destroyed in California wildfire



Firefighters from the US Forest Service, pours clean up hot spots of the King fire in the El Dorado National Forest near Georgetown, Calif. More than 3,500 firefighters from various agencies are battling the blaze that started Saturday and has burned more than 70,000 acres.

TERRY COLLINS Associated Press SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

Nearly three-dozen structures have been destroyed in a massive Northern California wildfire that continues to spread more than a week after it started, officials said Sunday.

According to preliminary figures, 10 residences and 22 outbuildings were lost in the King Fire as the structures were discovered in the White Meadows area of Pollock Pines, said Capt. Tom Piranio, a state fire spokesman. Assessment

teams were headed back into the rugged, steep terrain to survey more damage, he said.

"It has been very challenging to get access to those burn areas because there's a lot of inaccessible terrain," Piranio said. "We had to make sure it was safe enough to enter."

Smoky conditions from the fire also forced a lastminute cancellation of the popular Ironman Triathlon event in nearby Lake Tahoe Sunday morning. About 3,000 athletes from around the world were expected

Lake Tahoe over the weekend.

The fast-movina blaze located about 60 miles (100 kilometers) east of Sacramento that started Sept. 13 grew to more than 128 square miles (332 square ki-Iometers) Saturday despite periods of rain overnight. A man charged with starting the fire, Wayne Allen Huntsman, 37, pleaded not quilty to arson Friday and remains in the El Dorado County jail on \$10 million bail. More than 21,000 structures remain threatened as the blaze remains at 10 percent contained. More than 5,000 firefighters — from as far as Florida and Alaska — are helping California crews



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Corgi owners rally for slain dog

BELLINGHAM, Washington (AP) — Corgi owners around the U.S. are rallying around a slain dog in Washington state, calling for the harshest penalty for the man charged with killing Molly, a Pembroke Welsh corgi.

A Facebook page called "Justice for Molly the Corai" has aarnered nearly 5,000 followers as of this weekend. The corgi owners are spearheading a letter-writing campaign to the Whatcom County prosecutors' office, imploring them to seek the harshest penalty against David William Latham, 55.

"When writing letters, push for the harshest penalties for this case but BE RESPECTFUL," one of the Facebook posts said.

One family from New Hampshire, whose dog just

had a litter of pups, offered to drive across the country to deliver a new corgi puppy to the bereaved Bellingham family of Cary Chunyk and Loyce Andrews, The Bellingham Herald reports. Latham was charged Friday with first-degree animal cruelty and two misdemeanors: brandishing a weapon and second-degree criminal trespassing. On Sept. 13, Latham was annoyed at a barking dog, so he armed himself with a rifle, walked across the street, aimed over a fence and shot Molly in front of her owners. Molly was not the doa barkina, charaina documents said.

After shooting Molly in the chest, Chunyk yelled at the shooter, but retreated when Latham raised both of his arms with one hand still holding a rifle.



Kansas and Alaska cloud battle to control Senate

NATE COHN © 2014 New York Times

The last few weeks of public polling have offered contradictory and prising results, like surveys showing the Democratic

polls have clarified the fight for the Senate. States like North Carolina and Michigan have moved toward the Democrats, while Arkansas and Louisiana have

by eight. Nonetheless, the states has shrunk, with perhaps only Alaska, Iowa and Kansas remaining as true tossups.

> Yet even though the overall picture is sharper, it now centers on the two most

try to compel Democrats to field one. The Kansas Supreme Court ruled Thursday that Taylor's name could indeed be removed from the ballot, but the Republican secretary of state,

can retain his advantage in such a Republican state. If Orman does win, he will have to decide whether to caucus with Democrats or Republicans. The Orman campaign website says he will caucus with whichever party is "clearly in the majority." The implication is that he would not necessarily vote for a party with a bare majority. If the Republicans win 50 seats and Orman caucuses with the Democrats, Vice President Joe Biden can cast

Alaska is not so complicated. It is a traditional contest between a Democrat and a Republican, the state has been a Senate battleground from the start, and there are no outstanding legal questions.

a tiebreaking vote, giving Democrats control of the

Yet the race in Alaska is nearly as unclear as Kansas'. Alaska is the only state this year where there has not been a traditional, nonpartisan telephone survey contacting voters who have a cellphone. The available polling data is generally of dubious quality or comes from partisan outfits.

Alaska polls have been particularly inaccurate over the last decade and a half. Some showed Sen. Lisa Murkowski trailing in two races that she went on to win. Sen. Mark Begich once had a double-digit polling lead in a race he would win by a point.

Alaska polls have missed statewide contests by an average of more than seven percentage points since 2000. The state poses unique challenges to pollsters: It is a huge state with a far-flung population and a low use of landline phones, and 14 percent of eligible voters are Native Alaskans, many of whom live in remote communities. Regardless, the sparse and mediocre data, along with the state's long record of polling misfires, make it all but impossible to confidently assess whether Begich, the Democratic incumbent, or Dan Sullivan, his Republican challenger, has a lead.



Sen. Mark Begich (D-Ala.), left, who is challenged by Dan Sullivan, visits native constituents in Napaskiak, Alaska. If all the candidates currently leading in the polls go on to win, the party that wins two from the list of lowa, Alaska and Kansas will win control of the Senate. But Alaska and Kansas pose unusual challenges for election analysts and forecasters.

(Ruth Fremson/The New York Times)

placement.

Kris Kobach, contends that

Kansas law now requires

Democrats to name a re-

Kobach has since ordered

Senate candidate in Colo-

drifted toward the Repub-

mysterious contests of the year. If all the candidates currently leading in the polls go on to win - which is not at all assured with so many close races and still 44 days to go - the party that wins two from the list of Iowa, Alaska and Kansas will win control of the Senate. But Alaska and Kansas pose unusual challenges for election analysts and forecasters. It's possible that one party has a clear advantage in the fight for the Senate and that we just don't know it yet.

The race in Kansas is unusual: It's barely underway, and it's not even clear which candidates will appear on the ballot. The Democratic candidate, Chad Taylor, withdrew from the race on Sept. 3, setting up a potential oneon-one contest between Grea Orman, an independent, and Pat Roberts, the beleaguered Republican incumbent.

Democrats don't want to have a candidate because that person could siphon votes from the promising campaign of Orman. A lawsuit has been filed to

officials to send out overseas military ballots without a Democratic candidate on the ballot, while informing voters that they may have to revote if the Democrats nominate a candidate. If Kobach does not pursue the issue in court or if Democrats prevail and don't place a candidate on the ballot, Orman will have the opportunity to consolidate the anti-Roberts vote. There are very few precedents for a race between an independent candidate and an unpopular incumbent in a state as solidly Republican as Kansas. Roberts has a low approval rating and faces criticism about whether he's a genuine resident of Kansas. Polls show Orman ahead by a modest margin, but Roberts' campaign has only recently begun to air television adver-

tisements, ending Orman's

uncontested dominance

of the airwaves. It remains

to be seen whether Orman







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Pope chooses a moderate for Chicago archbishop

RACHEL ZOLL AP Religion Writer

Pope Francis' choice of a bishop who has long staked out a firm position as a moderate for the next archbishop of Chicago sends a strong signal about the direction that the pontiff is taking the church.

Bishop Blase Cupich has spoken out against samesex marriage and against conservative hostility toward gay rights advocates. He has opposed abortion, while urging parishioners and priests to have patience, not disdain, for those who disagree. And he has criticized fellow U.S. bishops who threatened to shut down religious charities instead of pursuing a compromise with the White House over health care policies that go against Catholic teaching.

Cupich will succeed Cardinal Francis George, 77, an aggressive defender of orthodoxy who once said he expected his successors in Chicago to be martyred in the face of hostility toward Christianity.

In his current posting as head of the Diocese of Spokane, Washington, Cupich inherited the fallout from a previous bishop's decision to seek bankruptcy protection over sex abuse claims. He started a mediation effort that has drawn praise from local attorneys for victims.

"I think what Francis is trying to do with his appointments in both the United States and around the world is to moderate the conversation and get us past the culture wars and the ideologues," said Christopher Bellitto, a church historian at Kean University in New Jersey. "Francis is not trying to balance a lurch to the right with a lurch to the left.

He's trying to build up the big middle so we can have conversations and not arguments."

The Chicago appointment is Francis' first major mark on American Catholic leadership.

George is two years past the church's retirement age and is suffering from cancer. The Chicago archdiocese is the nation's third-largest and among its most important, serving more than 2.2 million parishioners. Chicago archbishops are usually elevated to cardinal and are therefore eligible to vote for the next pope. Both George, and his predecessor, Cardinal Joseph Bernardin, had served as presidents of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. Cupich will be installed as archbishop in November.

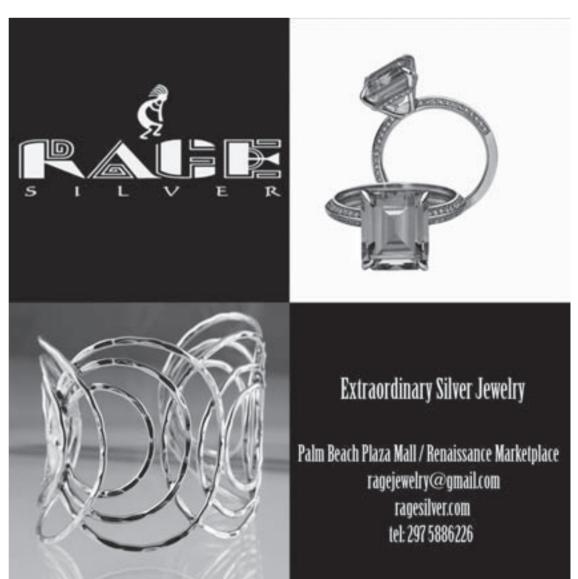
A native of Omaha, Nebraska, and one of nine children, the 65-year-old Cupich has served in a wide range of roles within the church.

He has been a parish pastor, a high school instructor and president of a seminary. After earning degrees in the U.S. and in Rome, he worked at the papal embassy in Washington, and as a bishop, has led several committees for the U.S. bishops' conference. For a few years, he led the bishops' committee on the child protection reforms adopted amid the clergy sex abuse scandal. At a news conference Saturday in Chicago, he cited his family's immigrant history — his four grandparents were from Croatia — in a call for immigration reform. "Every day we delay is a day too long," he said. As bishop in Rapid City, South Dakota, starting in 1998, then in Spokane.



Cardinal Francis George, retiring leader of the Chicago Catholic Archdiocese right, speaks to the media while newly appointed Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Chicago Archbishop Blase Cupich left, looks on during a news conference in Chicago.

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Empty streets are seen during a three-day lockdown to prevent the spread on the Ebola virus, in Freetown, Sierra Leone, Sunday, Sept. 21, 2014. Volunteers going door to door during a three-day lockdown intended to combat Ebola in Sierra Leone say some residents are growing increasingly frustrated and complaining about food shortages. (AP Photo/ Michael Duff)

Sierra Leone;

Nationwide Ebola lockdown ends

CLARENCE MACAULAY
ROBBIE BOULET
Associated Press
FREETOWN, Sierra Leone
(AP) — Frustrated residents
complained of food shortages in some neighborhoods of Sierra Leone's
capital on Sunday as the
country reached the third
and final day of a sweeping, unprecedented lockdown designed to combat
the deadly Ebola disease,

While most residents welcomed teams of health care workers and volunteers bearing information about the disease, rumors persisted in pockets of the city that poisoned soap was being distributed, suggesting that public education campaigns had not been entirely successful.

volunteers said.

The streets of the capital, Freetown, were again mostly deserted on Sunday in compliance with a government order for the country's 6 million residents to stay in their homes.

Spread by contact with bodily fluids, Ebola has killed more than 560 people in Sierra Leone and more than 2,600 across West Africa in the biggest outbreak ever recorded, according to the World Health Organization. The disease, which has also touched Guinea, Liberia, Nigeria and Senegal, is believed to have sickened more than 5,500 people.

Sierra Leone's government was hoping the lockdown — the most aggressive containment effort yet attempted — would turn the tide against the disease. There were rumors in Freetown on Sunday that officials would opt to extend the lockdown, but a Health Ministry statement issued Sunday night confirmed it had ended.

The statement said that 75 percent of the targeted 1.5 million households had been contacted by outreach teams, and that outreach would continue in "hot spots" around the country.

Health care workers had taken advantage of the lockdown to bury 71 dead bodies by Sunday morning, Health Ministry official Dr. Sarian Kamara said on a radio program. The bodies of dead Ebola victims are highly contagious, making safe burials essential to stopping the spread of the disease.

Sundays are usually quiet for residents in Sierra Leone, who go to church or stay at home with many businesses and restaurants closed.

In the city center, despite police efforts to encourage people to stay inside their homes, most families sat on their verandas chatting as radios blared through the streets. People were urged to stay tuned to their radios and televisions for public information on the lockdown.

The National Power Authority also provided uninterrupted electricity during the lockdown, so people didn't have to rely on generators. In Bonga Town, a shantytown community near the national stadium in Freetown, some residents were upset that handouts of rice were distributed only to certain families, said Samuel Turay, a 21-year-old volunteer.

Suspicions run deep in Iraq that CIA is behind IS group

DAVID D. KIRKPATRICK © 2014 New York Times

BAGHDAD - The United States has conducted an escalating campaign of deadly airstrikes against the extremists of the Islamic State for more than a month. But that appears to have done little to tamp down the conspiracy theories still circulating from the streets of Baghdad to the highest levels of Iraqi government that the CIA is secretly behind the same extremists that it is now attacking.

"We know about who made Daesh," said Bahaa al-Araji, a deputy prime minister, using an Arabic shorthand for the Islamic State, on Saturday at a demonstration called by the Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr to warn against the possible deployment of U.S. ground troops. Sadr publicly blamed the CIA for creating the Islamic State in a speech last week, and interviews suggested that most of the few thousand people at the demonstration, including dozens of members of parliament, subscribed to the same theory. (Sadr is considered close to Iran, and the theory is popular there as well.) When an American journalist asked Araji to clarify if he blamed the CIA for the Islamic State, he retreated: "I don't know. I am one of the poor people," he said, speaking fluent English and quickly stepping back toward the open door of a chauffeur-driven SUV. "But we fear very much. Thank you!"

The prevalence of the theory in the streets underscored the deep suspicions of the U.S. military's return to Iraq more than a decade after its invasion, in 2003. The casual endorsement by a senior official, though, was also a pointed reminder that the new Iraqi government may be an awkward partner for the U.S.-led campaign to drive out the extremists.

The Islamic State has conquered many of the predominantly Sunni Muslim provinces in Iraq's northeast, aided by the alienation of many residents to the Shiitedominated government of the former prime minister, Nouri al-Maliki. President Barack Obama has insisted repeatedly that U.S. military action against the Islamic State depended on the installation of a more inclusive government in Baghdad, but he moved ahead before it was complete.

The parliament has not yet confirmed nominees for the crucial posts of interior or defense ministers, in part because of discord between Sunni and Shiite factions, and the Iraqi news media has reported that it may be more than a month before the posts are filled.

The demonstration Saturday was the latest in a series of signals from Shiite leaders or militias, especially those considered close to Iran, warning the United States not to put its soldiers back on the ground. Obama has pledged not to send combat troops, but he seems to have convinced few Iraqis.

"We don't trust him," said Raad Hatem, 40.

Haidar al-Assadi, 40, agreed.

"The Islamic State is a clear creation of the United States, and the United States is trying to intervene again using the excuse of the Islamic State," he said.



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In Albania;

Pope urges Muslims to condemn extremism

LLAZAR SEMINI NICOLE WINFIELD Associated Press

TIRANA, Albania (AP) — Pope Francis called Sunday for Muslims and all religious leaders to condemn Islamic extremists who "pervert" religion to justify violence, as he visited Albania and held up the Balkan nation as a model for interfaith harmony for the rest of the world.

"To kill in the name of God is a grave sacrilege. To discriminate in the name of God is inhuman," Francis told representatives of Albania's Muslim, Orthodox and Catholic communities during a half-day visit to Tirana in which he recalled the brutal persecution people of all faiths suffered under communism.

Francis wept when he heard the testimony of one priest, the Rev. Ernest Troshani, 84, who for 28 years was imprisoned, tortured and sentenced to forced labor for refusing to speak out against the Catholic Church as his captors wanted.

"Today I touched the martyrs," Francis said after embracing the man.

Security was unusually tight for the pope's first trip to a majority Muslim country since the Islamic State group began its crackdown on Christians in Iraq and announced its aim to extend its self-styled caliphate to Rome. The trip was preceded by reports that militants who trained in Iraq and Syria had returned and might pose a threat.

The Vatican insisted it had no reports of specific threats against the pope and that no special security measures were taken. But Francis' interactions

with the crowds were much reduced compared to his previous foreign trips. His open-topped vehicle sped down Tirana's main boulevard, not stopping once for Francis to greet the faithful as is his norm.

He only kissed a few babies at the very end of the route, and then left quickly after his Mass ended. Snipers dotted rooftops along the route, military helicopters flew overhead and uniformed Albanian police formed human chains to keep the crowds at bay behind barricades. Francis' own bodyguards stood guard on the back of his car or jogged alongside.

In his opening speech, Francis told President Bujar Nishani, Albanian officials and the diplomatic corps that Albania's interreligious harmony was an "inspiring example" for the world, showing that Christian-Muslim coexistence wasn't only possible but beneficial for a country's development.

"This is especially the case in these times in which authentic religious spirit is being perverted by extremist groups," he said.

"Let no one consider themselves to be the 'armor' of God while planning and carrying out acts of violence and oppression!" Francis said in the woodpaneled reception room of Tirana's presidential pal-

Muslims make up about 59 percent of Albania's population, with Catholics amounting to 10 percent and Orthodox Christians just under that, according to the country's official figures. Muslims and Christians govern together and interfaith families are common, thanks to the near-quarter



Albania's Prime Minister Edi Rama, right, welcomes Pope Francis as he arrives at Tirana's Mother Teresa international airport Sunday, Sept. 21, 2014. Pope Francis arrived Sunday in Albania on his first European trip, designed to highlight the Balkan nation's path from a brutal communist state where religion was banned to a model of Christian-Muslim coexistence for a world witnessing conflict in God's name.

(AP Photo/Flori Abazi, Pool)

century when religion was banned under communism.

Addressing Muslim and other religious leaders at a Catholic university, Francis said religious intolerance was a "particularly insidious enemy" that was evident in many parts of the world today.

"All believers must be particularly vigilant so that, in living out with conviction our religious and ethical code, we may always express the mystery we intend to honor," he said. "This means that all those forms which present a distorted use of religion must be firmly refuted as false since they are unworthy of God or humanity."





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Thousands march in Moscow against Ukraine fighting

N. VASILYEVA Associated Press

MOSCOW (AP) — Tens of thousands of people marched through central Moscow on Sunday to demonstrate against the fighting in Ukraine and Russia's alleged complicity in the conflict.

An Associated Press reporter estimated the crowd at about 20,000, although the city police department put the number at about 5,000. The demonstrators chanted slogans including "No to war" and "The junta is in the Kremlin, not Kiev." The latter refers to Russia's contention that the ousting of Ukraine's former Russia-friendly president was a coup. The fighting between Ukrainian forces and pro-Russia separatists in eastern Ukraine that erupted after the ouster has killed more than 3,000

people. Ukraine and Western countries claim Russia is supplying troops and equipment to the rebels, which Moscow denies.

"Our country is acting as an aggressor, like Germany in the war," said demonstrator Konstantin Alexeyev, 35.

The Ukraine conflict has boosted nationalist sentiment among Russians, many of who regard eastern Ukraine as rightfully a part of Russia, and coverage of the crisis on statecontrolled television channels has skewed strongly against the Ukrainian authorities. "I am concerned about the rhetoric on our TV channels, which disseminate anti-Ukrainian sentiment," said 50-yearold demonstrator Ludmila Shteigervalt. "Ukraine is a friendly country. We should just leave it alone."

At least one scuffle broke out between protesters and nationalists who unfurled a banner denouncing "The March of Traitors."

In Kiev, a Ukrainian secu-

rity official said attacks by Russia-backed rebel fighters are continuing despite a cease-fire called for by both sides more than two weeks ago. Col. Andriy Lysenko, a spokesman for Ukraine's national security council, said two Ukrainian servicemen and about 40 rebels had died in clashes over the



People carry a banner reading "no war with Ukraine" during an anti-war rally in downtown Moscow, Russia, Sunday, Sept. 21, 2014. Thousands of people were marching through central Moscow to demonstrate against the fighting in Ukraine.

(AP Photo/Denis Tyrin)

Scotland's leader: Voters 'tricked' in referendum

SYLVIA HUI Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — The debate over Scotland's future fizzled amid a bitter war of words Sunday, with the Scottish leader claiming his countrymen were "tricked" into rejecting independence in a referendum and Britain's three main political parties bickering over how to take political reform forward.

Alex Salmond, Scotland's outgoing independence leader, accused politicians in London of reneging on their promises to hand more power to Scots in a rare cross-party pact that he said played a crucial role in swinging the votes in favor of union in Thursday's vote.

His comments came after Prime Minister David Cameron stressed that plans to empower Scots should be linked to constitutional reform in England — a stance that fractured the fragile political consensus and drew attacks from across the spectrum.

Just days earlier, Cameron and his political rivals had joined together in a vow to quickly pass laws to transfer key decision-making powers from London to Scotland's capital, Edinburgh. All three party leaders signed off on the pledge, which promised Scots new powers to decide on their tax, budget and welfare policies.

Since then, Cameron said those changes must be

made "in tandem" with reform in the House of Commons to bar Scottish law-makers from having a say on bills that only apply to England and Wales — a longstanding grievance that has come to the fore amid the debate.

He also said it won't be fair to devolve powers to Scotland without considering similar changes in the rest of the kingdom — England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

"Millions of people in the rest of the U.K. have been listening to these debates, watching this campaign and rightly asking: 'What will change for us? Why can't we have the same powers and the same rights as those in Scotland?'"

Cameron wrote in the Mail on Sunday newspaper.

Critics say that throwing all those questions into one basket dilutes the three leaders' joint pledge, and will inevitably delay the timetable of the promised return of powers to Scotland.

"It's the people who voted No because they believed these commitments from the Westminster leadership — these are the people who are feeling most angry, most hurt, most disappointed in Scotland today," Salmond told the BBC. The politician has said he will step down as Scotland's first minister in November, after the failure of his pro-independence campaign.

past day. He said the fighters fired on Ukrainian positions at 22 locations and that they fired artillery at the airport in Donetsk, the largest rebel-held city.

The city council of Mariupol, a strategically vital city on the coast of the Sea of Azov, said sporadic shelling of points on its outskirts took place during the night and into Sunday daytime. There were no immediate reports of injuries there.

A cease-fire was called on Sept. 5, but has been violated repeatedly. Negotiators from Ukraine, Russia, the rebels and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe last week tried to further the peace process with an agreement calling for both sides to halt their advances and for pulling back heavy artillery in order to create a buffer zone.



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Syria challenges coalition against the Islamic State

ALBERT AJI Associated Press DAMASCUS, Syria (AP) —

Syria's parliament speaker said Sunday that the U.S. should work with Damascus in assembling a coalition to battle the Islamic State extremist group rather than allying with nations that support terrorism.

Speaker Jihad Laham was apparently referring to Saudi Arabia and other countries that back rebels trying to overthrow Syrian President Bashar Assad. Lahham said during a parliament session that nations that "want to fight terrorism should coordinate" with Damascus rather than Syrian rebel groups.

His comments came as Syria's Foreign Ministry warned in a statement that opposition fighters could use chemical weapons in order to blame government forces and create a pretext "for an aggression against Syria and its people."

The statement said that Damascus does not have chemical weapons after it implemented all its obligations regarding the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons.

The OPCW said earlier this month that a toxic chemical, almost certainly chlorine, was used "systematically and repeatedly" as a weapon in attacks on villages in northern Syria earlier this year. The organization said that a report by a fact-finding mission it sent to Syria based its conclusion on dozens of interviews with victims, physicians, eye-witnesses and others.

The OPCW report does not apportion blame for the chlorine attacks on three villages in northern Syria.

Turkish hostages freed, but questions linger

SUZAN FRASER RAPHAEL SATTER Associated Press ANKARA, Turkey (AP) —

Turkish authorities say they have freed 49 hostages from one of the world's ruthless militant most groups without firing a shot, paying a ransom or offering a quid pro quo.

But as the well-dressed men and women captured by the Islamic State group more than three months ago clasped their families Saturday on the tarmac of the Turkish capital's airport. experts had doubts about the government's story.

The official explanation "sounds a bit too good to be true," said Sinan Ulgen, a former Turkish diplomat who chairs the Istanbulbased Centre for Economics and Foreign Policy Studies. "There are some very legitimate and unanswered questions about how this happened."

The hostages — whose number included two small children — were seized from the Turkish Consulate in the northern Iraqi city of Mosul after the Islamic State group overran the city on June 11. How they

traveled from Mosul to Turkey and why the Islamic State would relinquish such a useful bargaining chip remained unclear.

"I think it's fair to say that

rity policy. Turkish leaders gave only the broadest outlines of

their rescue Saturday. Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoglu said the hostages'

in the early hours our citizens were handed over to us and we brought them back," Davutoglu said. One former hostage, Alptekin Esirgun, told the



The freed Turkish hostages are welcomed at the airport in Ankara, Turkey, Saturday, Sept. 20, 2014. Dozens of Turkish hostages seized by Islamic militants in Iraq three months ago were freed and safely returned to Turkey on Saturday ending Turkey's most serious hostage crisis. (AP Photo)

we haven't been told the full story," said Aaron Stein, an associate fellow at the London-based Royal United Services Institute who has studied Turkey's securelease was the work of the country's intelligence agency rather than a special forces operation.

"After intense efforts that lasted days and weeks,

state-run Anadolou Agency that militants held a gun to Consul General Ozturk Yilmaz's head and tried to force him to make a statement.

Egypt to host post-Gaza war talks this week

M. DARAGHMEH **Associated Press** RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP)

- Egypt will host a brief round of indirect talks this week between Israelis and Palestinians on a sustained Gaza cease-fire deal, as well as negotiations between Palestinian rivals Hamas and Fatah on who should run the territory, a Palestinian official said Sunday.

Both sessions will be held Tuesday in Cairo, said Azzam al-Ahmed, an aide to Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas. Israeli government spokesman Mark Regev declined to com-

Israel and Gaza's ruling Hamas fought a 50-day war that ended in late August. Under the deal that ended the fighting, Israel and Hamas were to return to Cairo within a month to hold indirect negotiations on a broader deal for Gaza.

The Islamic militant group Hamas demands that Israel and Egypt lift their blockade of Gaza, which was imposed after Hamas seized the territory from longtime rival Abbas in 2007. Israel has said it can only end the closure if Hamas disarms, a demand

the group has rejected. Neither side appears eager to resume fighting, but they could be dragged into another war if no solution is found. Hamas has used sporadic rocket fire at Israel as a means of political pressure, but Israeli leaders have said they would not tolerate any attacks from Gaza.

Al-Ahmed said the indirect talks between the Israeli and Palestinian delegations would be brief and would continue after the Jewish high holidays, a 10-day period that begins Wednesday.

Israel and Egypt consider

the Western-backed Abbas as a guarantor of any Gaza border deal, but there have been signs of growing disagreement between Abbas and Hamas over who would run Gaza. In the spring, Abbas, the leader of Fatah, reached a tentative agreement with Hamas under which he would head a temporary unity government of experts in both the West Bank and Gaza. However, major issues were left unresolved, including the fate of 40,000 government employees hired during the Hamas era and control over the Gaza security forces.



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Jailed Venezuelan police chief Simonovis freed

JORGE RUEDA Associated Press CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)

— A former Caracas police chief whose decade-long imprisonment had rallied Venezuela's opposition has been released from jail on humanitarian grounds to continue serving a 30year sentence at home.

Ivan Simonovis had been jailed since 2004 in connection with the death of pro-government protesters who had rushed to the defense of then-President Hugo Chavez during a failed coup attempt two years earlier. In 2009, he was convicted of aggravated murder.

The 54-year-old former police chief appeared briefly before journalists who had rushed to his home in the leafy La Florida neighborhood early Saturday as word of his release spread on social media. Appearing on a second-floor balcony, he waved to the crowd and kissed his wife and daughter but made no comments as two camouflaged police officers stationed outside looked on.

The judge who authorized Simonovis' release barred him from making statements to the press, engaging in politics or using social media, according to

Simonovis, who used her Twitter account to express relief over his release.

"When you believe deeply in something, there's no other way except for it to

his wife, Bony Pertinez de come true," Pertinez de May, his lawyers said he Simonovis wrote. "God is great and merciful."

Simonovis and his supporters had urged Venezuela to release him, citing concerns about his health. In

suffered from 19 illnesses, including several problems in his back and spinal cord, and his condition was deteriorating. The former police chief staged a brief hunger

strike that month to protest Venezuelan courts' refusal to grant him release.

The Supreme Court said in a Twitter message Saturday that Simonovis would have to return to jail once his health improves.

Simonovis' release comes as President Nicolas Maduro prepares to travel to the United Nations next week to win support for Venezuela's bid for a two-year seat on the Security Council. Latin American nations unanimously support the candidacy, but human rights groups and members of Venezuela's opposition argue Maduro's crack down on protests and jailing of his political foes violate the council's goal of defending human rights.

Freedom for Simonovis became a major focus of short-lived attempt at dialogue between the socialist government and leaders of the opposition following a wave of antigovernment protests this year blamed for at least 42 deaths.

As part of those talks, Maduro agreed to form a medical commission to study the case. But the commission's work never advanced and Maduro repeatedly rejected an amnesty for Simonovis and others the opposition considers political prisoners, instead accusina the former police commissioner of crimes against humanity.

Members of the opposition celebrated Simonovis' release and vowed to redouble their efforts to free government opponents including Leopoldo Lopez, a hardliner arrested in February for allegedly inciting violence at an anti-government rally, as well as two mayors from his Popular Will party.



Appearing before journalists, Ivan Simonovis, former Caracas police chief, left, kisses his daughter Ivana, center, as his wife Bony smiles, while standing on the balcony of their home in Caracas, Venezuela, Saturday, Sept. 20, 2014.

(AP Photo/Fernando Llano)

5 inmates flee prison in Haiti; 2 recaptured

EVENS SANON Associated Press

 Five inmates escaped from a prison in Haiti this weekend, the country's second jail breakout reported in less than two months.

Police director Antoine Monest said two of the inmates who got out of the

prison in the northern city parently smuggled in a saw. The breakout comes after of Cap-Haitien had been that the prisoners used to 329 inmates escaped from PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) recaptured. He said one of break free. He says a guard a prison in Croix-des-Bouthem was shot by guards and hospitalized, while the other was found in a water tank.Among the inmates still at large was a man sentenced to life for murder and another sentenced to life for kidnapping. Monest said someone ap-

is being investigated. Soldiers with the U.N. peacekeeping

mission have helped strengthen security at the prison, Monest said.

"We are taking measures so this doesn't happen again," he said.

quets at the northern edge of Haiti's capital Aug. 10. Only about 80 of those inmates have been caught. Some of those recaptured were found in the neighboring Dominican Republic and at least three were in the Bahamas.



A Feast for the Senses: Discover Kitchen Table at Blue Residences!

PALM BEACH - Aruban celebrity Chef Urvin Croes has brought his deft touch to a delightful new eatery located within Blue Residences: Kitchen Table by White. Renowned for his innovative elevation of native island cuisine into gourmet art, he recently opened his intimate and exhilarating dining concept within the newly opened condo/resort complex on the border of Eagle and Palm Beach to rave reviews.

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from 5pm until 7pm is to provide local professionals and tourists a classy, upscale and Caribbean Chic venue with very reasonably priced drinks, open air seating with shading, music provided by a DJ and free snacks.

A couple of guests attending the most recent FRANK



were interviewed:

Angela Tiemens, Radio DJ Fresh FM: "It's great, especially the prices are really good, the atmosphere is fun and the snacks are fantastic. The music is good, the location is beautiful.

Before this I would go to a local bar inside, but this location is very nice and I really like that you can sit outside in the fresh air. But most of all I like the snacks!" Indroh Kelkboom, radio announcer/producer The Morning Show Cool FM. "I really liked the meatballs! It's great that if you look around, you see people at the bar that are just like us, young professionals that are looking for a nice place to relax, and that is what is going on here at FRANK.

Alexander Leonard, Sales Aruba Trading: "Atmosphere is great, the prices are good but most of all I love the snacks. Next time I will tell more colleagues to come with me so that they know there is a nice place for them to go to after work. Even though I work in Oranjestad, it's not a problem to go to Palm Beach."

Adele John, Food & Beverage manager at Brickell Bay: "Brickell Bay wanted to organize a happy hour on Friday for the local people to unwind and relax in a nice Caribbean chic atmosphere with affordable prices and free snacks such as chicken wings, meatballs, mini sandwiches and mozzarella sticks. I am very amazed myself, it's so much fun, look at the guests you can see they are having a good time." The FRANK at Sand is an every Friday happy hour with \$2 beer draft and \$3 mix drinks from 5pm until 7pm at the Sandbar at Brickell Bay Beach Club & Spa Boutique Hotel. For more information check out the Facebook page FRANK AT SAND THIS FRIDAY!, like the Facebook Page Sand Aruba or call Lev Valera, manager Sandbar, for group reservations at 592-8348.







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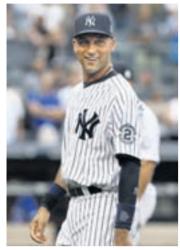
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SPURIS ENDING



New York Yankees' Derek Jeter smiles after the baseball game against the Toronto Blue Jays at Yankee Stadium, Sunday, Sept. 21, 2014 in New York. The Yankees defeated the Blue Jays 5-2.

Associated Press

Tanaka, Jeter lead Yankees over Blue Jays

RONALD BLUM
AP Sports Writer
NEW YORK (AP) — Masahiro Tanaka started Jose
Reyes with a 92 mph fastball, his first major league
pitch since July 8. He threw
70 pitches in all and didn't
feel any pain in the right elbow that had sidelined him
for 2 1/2 months.

"Obviously, I'm very relieved," Tanaka said through a translator after leading the Yankees over the Toronto Blue Jays 5-2 Sunday before a boisterous sellout crowd of 48,144 on a gray, overcast afternoon.

Tanaka was only part of the attraction: It was Derek Jeter's last weekend game at Yankee Stadium. The retiring Yankees captain received standing ovations during every at-bat, went 2 for 4 and finished his nextto-last home series 8 for 15 with two doubles, a home run and three RBIs.

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Hur pulls away for LPGA Classic win in Alabama

JOHN ZENOR

AP Sports Writer

PRATTVILLE, Alabama (AP) — Mi Jung Hur held off topranked Stacy Lewis on Sunday to win the Yokohama Tire LPGA Classic, finishing with a 6-under 66 for a tournament-record 21-under 267 total. The 24-year-old South Korean player birdied four birdies of the final eight holes to beat Lewis by four strokes for her second LPGA Tour victory. Hur opened with rounds of 64, 70 and 67 on Capitol Hill's links-style Senator layout. She broke the tournament mark of

19 under set by Katherine

Hull-Kirk in 2010. It was the

best 72-hole score of Hur's career. She said she was

in tears before her second

shot on the final hole as she wrapped up her first victory

since 2009.

"It's definitely an exciting week for me," said Hur, whose father, Kwan Moo, served as her caddie. "I started with two birdies and it made me so much more comfortable the rest of the round. But Stacy played so well and I definitely thought about her. "I just played my own game, and after nine holes I made a few birdies on the back nine." Lewis won the tournament in 2012 before it was dropped from the schedule last year when it lost its title sponsor. She also closed with a 66.

South African rookie Paula Reto was third at 14 under after a 73. She shared the third-round lead with Hur at 15 under.

Hur gained two strokes on Reto with a long birdie putt on the first hole, while the South African two-putted for



Mi Jung Hur holds the trophy after winning the LPGA Classic golf tournament at Capitol Hill on Sunday, Sept. 21, 2014, in Prattville, Ala. Hur defeated Stacy Lewis by four strokes. Associated Press

bogey. Hur then birdied the second hole, as well, before

Reto bogeyed No. 3.

Reto worked her way back to 16 under before back-toback bogeys on Nos. 11 and 12 put her four strokes back again.

Lewis, a three-time LPGA Tour winner this year, opened with four birdies in a six-hole stretch starting on No. 3. She finished her bogey-free round with five straight pars, not enough to close the gap on Hur.

Lewis said it was one of her best days striking the ball "in a long time." She said the 18th hole was the only time on the back nine where she didn't have a potential birdie putt of 15 feet or less.

"You get events where people kind of run away with tournaments," Lewis said. "I've done it before. It's just golf. I played well, gave myself a ton of opportunities for birdies, which that was the goal coming into the day. "I would have liked to have made a couple of more to give her something to think about coming up those last few." Instead, Hur was able to relax at the end of her round, at least. She made a 36-foot birdie putt on No. 11 but left herself much easier birdies after that, including

one on No. 16.



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Venus Williams knocked out early in Wuhan Open

WUHAN, China (AP) — Caroline Garcia of France defeated Venus Williams in the first round of the Wuhan Open on Sunday while wild card Victoria Azarenka withdrew with an injured right foot and will miss the rest of the season.

Garcia, ranked 30 places below No. 18 Williams, won 6-4, 4-6, 7-6 (6) and next faces Agnieszka Radwanska.

Barbora Zahlavova Strycova from the Czech Republic defeated Daniela Han-

tuchova of Slovakia 7-6 (5), 7-6 (2) while Elina Svitolina beat Camila Giorgi 6-2, 6-3.

Russian Svetlana Kuznetsova also moved into the second round with an easy 6-3, 6-2 win against Kurumi Nara from Japan Zarina Diyas, Kirsten Flipkens, Karin Knapp and Alison Riske also advanced after dropping a set in their matches.

Lucky loser Annika Beck replaced two-time Australian Open champion Azarenka in the main draw.

Tanaka, Jeter

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Jeter became the first Yankee with four straight mulithit games at age 40, and he saluted the crowd after sharing postgame handshakes and high-fives with teammates.

"Hopefully he keeps getting two hits and decides he wants to play again next year," said Brett Gardner, who put the Yankees ahead 2-1 in the fifth with

when, but gradually as the game went on I guess I stopped thinking about it," he said of his elbow.

Tanaka gave up a run in first when Reyes singled to right center, took third on Jose Bautista's ground single to right through the shifted infield and came home on Edwin Encarnacion's double-play grounder. After Munenori Kawasaki had a



New York Yankees starting pitcher Masahiro Tanaka throws during the second inning of the baseball game against the Toronto Blue Jays at Yankee Stadium, Sunday, Sept. 21, 2014 in New York.

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Yankees' 15,000th home run since the franchise started play in New York in 1903.

While Jeter is going, Tanaka is coming back.

He started sensationally at 11-1 with a 1.99 ERA in his first 14 appearances. But he slumped in his next four and hadn't pitched since scans discovered a slight tear in the ulnar collateral ligament of his right elbow. Rather than opt for Tommy John surgery, which would have sidelined him for about a year, Tanaka and the Yankees chose a rehabilitation strengthening protocol.

Tanaka (13-4) responded by allowing one run and five hits in 5 1-3 innings with four strikeouts, no walks and a hit batter. He had an exceptional curveball, and his splitter was dipping as sharply as it did during the first half of the season.

"I don't exactly remember

one-out double in the second, Tanaka retired 11 of his next 12 batters.

"The way he pitched today, it's a great sign," said catcher Brian McCann, who hit home runs 14,999 and 15,001, driving in three runs.

Tanaka went to a threeball count just once. He left with two on and tipped his cap to fans as he walked to the dugout.

"Pretty darn good," Yankees manager Joe Girardi said. "It's extremely encouraging and now we'll try to get him to start again on Saturday."

But will the ligament hold nbś

"Are we going to know fully until five years down the road? Probably not," pitching coach Larry Rothschild said. "It's possible that he can get through this for quite a while. It's possible that it comes up and bites him, and that's it. We're

hopeful that's it's the earlier scenario and that he's going to be fine and have a nice, long career with no problems."

New York is 4 1/2 games out for the AL's second wild card with seven games to play, yet still drew its second straight sellout as Jeter's admirers turned out. Jeter's fifth-inning single chased Drew Hutchison

(10-13), and when Jeter batted in the seventh, most fans held up phones and cameras to take photographs and video. He responded with a run-scoring double down the left-field line against Todd Redmond for a 3-1 lead, and the crowd erupted with near-postseason intensity. The usual "De-rek Je-ter!" chants turned into "Thank

You De-rek!" and he stole third base.

Jeter then jogged home when McCann hit his second home run of the game to make it 5-1. On Wednesday, Jeter had broken an 0-for-28 slide on the last night of a road trip.

"I'm sure," Girardi said, "there's a little bit of extra adrenaline going right now."



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BMC dethrones Omega Pharma to win world team TT

PONFERRADA, Spain (AP)
— BMC dethroned twotime champion Omega
Pharma-Quickstep to win
the men's team time trial
on the opening day of the
road cycling world championships on Sunday.

BMC powered through the hilly 57.1-kilometer (35.4-mile) ride, starting and finishing in the city of Ponferrada, in 1 hour, 3 minutes, 29 seconds.

Orica GreenEdge repeated as silver medalists from 2013.

Omega Pharma-Quickstep, led by individual time trial champion Tony Martin, settled for bronze after having won the event in its first two editions.

"We knew coming in we had a strong team. We just went out there and did our thing," said BMC's American rider Tejay Van Garderen.

In 2012, Van Garderen's BMC finished 3 seconds slower than Omega Phar-



Tejay van Garderen leads team BMC of the U.S. as they compete to win the men's team trial event over 57.1 kilometers (35.5 miles) at the Road Cycling World Championships in Ponferrada, north-western Spain, Sunday Sept. 21, 2014.

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ma-Quickstep to miss the gold.

This time it left no room for error, beating Orica GreenEdge by 31 seconds. The former champions were 35 seconds slower than BMC.

BMC was helped, and Omega Pharma-Quickstep hurt, by a late rain shower that arrived after BMC had finished its run.

Martin will look to rebound on Wednesday when he bids to win his fourth straight individual time trial title.

While Omega Pharma-Quickstep failed to defend its title, Specialized-Lululemon won the women's team time trial for the third straight year to begin the weeklong championships. Specialized-Lululemon completed the 36.15-kilometer (22.46-mile) course in 43 minutes, 33 seconds. Evelyn Stevens of the United States and Germany's Trixi Worrack are the only

two members to have ridden on all three gold-medal winning teams.

"I am ecstatic," said Stevens. "I knew when we got to the start line that we were going to win."

Orica finished second, 1 minute, 17 seconds behind, and Astana completed the podium - 2:19 behind.

Rabobank Liv was on pace to defend its silver medal from 2013 until three of their riders crashed. Dutch riders Anna Van der Breggen and Annemiek van Vleuten were taken to the hospital. Rabobank Liv later said that Van der Breggen had broken a pelvic bone. In 2012, Van der Breggen was the under-23 European champion in the individual time trial.

Van Vleuten needed to have sutures, according to the team.

The team time trials were the first of 12 to be held this week in northern Spain. □



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Logano wins at New Hampshire in 2nd Chase for the Sprint Cup race



Joey Logano celebrates in Victory Lane after winning the NASCAR Sprint Cup series auto race at New Hampshire Motor Speedway in Loudon, N.H., Sunday, Sept. 21, 2014.

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DAN GELSTON
AP Sports Writer
LOUDON, New Hampshire (AP) — Joey Logano
pulled away on the restart to win a green-whitecheckered finish Sunday
at New Hampshire Motor
Speedway and advance
to the second round of the
Chase for the Sprint Cup
Championship.

Logano and Team Penske teammate Brad Keselowski have both advanced to the next round. Four drivers will be eliminated after every third race, and a win guarantees a driver an automatic berth into the next round. The first cutoff race is next week at Dover International Speedway.

Logano raced to his fourth victory of the season, leading 73 laps and surviving a NASCAR season-high 15 cautions that wrecked results for several Chase drivers.

He took the lead from Kevin Harvick with 27 laps left and went on to his seventh career Cup victory. Logano won at New Hampshire, his home track, for the second time.

"This is my home race track, coolest place to win for me," Logano said. "I watched my first Cup race here when I was 5. This just means to much. Just got to thank all the boys at Team Penske, we're doing what we've got to do to win this thing, both teams are."

Keselowski led 78 laps, hit the wall, and still was in the hunt for a win. He failed in his bid to win a third straight Cup race, though he salvaged a seventh-place finish. Keselowski advanced with a win in the Chase opener at Chicagoland.

Team Penske has won four of the last five races dating to Bristol.

Rookie Kyle Larson was second. Chase drivers took seven of the first 10 spots at New Hampshire. Harvick was third, Jimmie Johnson fifth, Aric Almirola sixth, Kyle Busch eighth, and Dale Earnhardt Jr. 10th.

"It's not all about winning and losing at this point. It's about advancing," said Harvick, who led a racehigh 104 laps.

Denny Hamlin, Greg Biffle, Kurt Busch and Almirola are in the bottom four of the 16-driver field at and risk of getting cut at Dover. Team Penske has stamped itself as an early favorite to win a championship for owner Roger Penske.

"I went to sleep last night hoping for a top-five," Logano said. "We've got to keep our eye on the prize and think about the big trophy at the end."

The staggering number of cautions slowed the 300-mile race and wrecked the chances for several Chase drivers to contend for a win. Joe Gibbs Racing drivers Hamlin, Kyle Busch and Matt Kenseth, and Hendrick Motorsports driv-

ers Jeff Gordon and Kasey Kahne all finished outside of the top 20.

Other Chase drivers included: AJ Allmendinger was 13th, Roush Fenway Racing drivers Biffle and Carl Edwards were 16th and 17th, Ryan Newman 18th, Kenseth 21st, Kahne 23rd, and Gordon 26th.

Hamlin's No. 11 Toyota suffered from fuel woes and was later collected in a multicar wreck and will likely need a win at Dover to advance.

"It's going to be hard to do it without some help," Hamlin said.

Ivanovic beats Wozniacki to win Pan Pacific Open

JIM ARMSTRONG AP Sports Writer

TOKYO (AP) — Third-seeded Ana Ivanovic of Serbia beat second-seeded Caroline Wozniacki of Denmark 6-2, 7-6 (2) on Sunday to win the Pan Pacific Open and capture her fourth WTA title of the year.

In a match that featured two former World No. 1s, Ivanovic broke Wozniacki three times in the first set at Ariake Coliseum and won the second-set tiebreaker with a forehand to the corner to capture her first Pan Pacific title.

"The key for me was coming forward to the net," Ivanovic said. "She is a great offensive player and gets a lot of balls back so it was important for me to come forward and play well at the net."

Ivanovic, who is No. 8 in the rankings, did not drop a set en route to Sunday's final. U.S. Open finalist Wozniacki, who won this tournament in 2010, had her serve broken to go down 3-2 in the first set and then lost the next three games as Ivanovic seized the momentum.

Wozniacki broke serve for a 3-1 second set lead and was up 30-15 in the fourth game, just two points from a 4-1 lead. But Ivanovic came storming back, winning five of the next eight games to push the set to a tiebreak, where she played almost flawlessly.

Ivanovic first played at the Pan Pacific eight years ago when she finished runnerup, her best result before Sunday's win.



Ana Ivanovic of Serbia reacts after wining the final match against Caroline Wozniacki of Denmark at the Pan Pacific Open Tennis tournament in Tokyo Sunday, Sept. 21, 2014. Associated Press.

"I've always enjoyed coming here," Ivanovic said. "This is a great event and winning today puts me one step closer to the WTA Finals in Singapore.

With the win in Tokyo, Ivanovic is projected to move from No.8 to No.5 in the rankings, and with eight players qualifying for the Singapore event, she has a good chance of making it.



Matthews, Maclin lead Eagles over Redskins 37-34

The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — PHIL-ADELPHIA (AP) - Rookie Jordan Matthews, the receiver who replaced De-Sean Jackson in Philadelphia, caught two touchdown passes, and the Eaales beat Jackson and his Washington Redskins 37-34 on Sunday in a nasty game marred by a fourth-quarter brawl.

Jackson had his own big play, an 81-yard TD that tied it at 27. But it was not enough to offset Matthews and Jeremy Maclin, whose 27-yard scoring reception gave Philadelphia (3-0) the lead. Rookie Cody Parkey's third field goal, a 51-yarder with 5:55 remaining, put the game out of reach.

Philadelphia's Chris Polk had a 102-vard kickoff return. Kirk Cousins threw for 427 yards and three touchdowns for Washington (1-

The game was slowed by several injuries and disrupted by a sideline brawl with about 10 minutes remaining. Eagles quarterback Nick Foles was blindsided by Chris Baker during an apparent interception return by Bashaud Breeland. Baker and Philly left tackle Jason Peters were ejected. COWBOYS 34, RAMS 31

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Terrance



Philadelphia Eagles wide receiver Jeremy Maclin dives in for a touchdown on a pass from quarterback Nick Foles during the second half of an NFL football game against the Washington Redskins, Sunday, Sept. 21, 2014, in Philadelphia.

Associated Press

Williams scored the goahead touchdown late in the fourth quarter, Bruce Carter returned an interception 25 yards for a TD on the next snap, and the Dallas Cowboys matched the largest comeback in team history to stun the St. Louis Rams.

DeMarco Murray's 1-yard run late in the first half began the rally for Dallas (2-1), which trailed 21-0. Dez Bryant caught a 68-yard scoring pass in the third quarter, and Carter's first career interception and touchdown came not long

after he was evaluated for concussion-like symptoms on the bench.

Janoris Jenkins' 25-yard interception return, the fifth defensive touchdown in his three seasons, put the Rams (1-2) up 21-0 with 6:06 to go in the first half.

RAVENS 23, BROWNS 21 CLEVELAND (AP) — With the Ray Rice case lingering over them, the Ravens pulled off a comeback win as Justin Tucker kicked a 32-yard field as time expired to give Baltimore a victory over the Cleveland Browns.

Tucker's boot capped another challenging week for the Ravens (2-1), who continue to be dogged by their handling of Rice's domestic violence suspension. Following the game, Baltimore coach Harbaugh addressed an ESPN report that claims he wanted the team to immediately release Rice after he was arrested for punching his then-fiancee. The report says Harbaugh was overruled by owner Steve Bisciotti and general manager Ozzie Newsome. "I can tell you this, we work

together in our organization," Harbaugh said.

Joe Flacco set up Tucker's winner with a 32-yard pass to Steve Smith with 1:28 left. The Ravens then ran the clock down before bringing in Tucker, who split the uprights and sent the Browns (1-2) to another tough loss.

Along with the blown opportunities, the Browns had a fake play in which backup auarterback Johnny Manziel fooled Baltimore's defense negated by a penalty.

COLTS 44, JAGUARS 17 JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) - Andrew Luck threw four touchdown passes — three of them in a lopsided first half — and the Indianapolis Colts dominated the Jacksonville Jaguars for their first win.

It was a home opener to forget for the Jaguars (0-3), who trailed 30-0 at the break and benched quarterback Chad Henne.

The only positive for Jacksonville was getting rookie Blake Bortles on the field. The third overall pick in May's NFL draft played the entire second half, finishing with two touchdown passes and two interceptions. He completed 14 of 24 passes for 223 yards, including fourth-quarter scores to Allen Hurns and Cecil Shorts III.

France shocks U.S. women 76-72 in exhibition game

da had 26 points and 15 rebounds to help France stun the U.S. women's national team 76-72 in an exhibition game on Sunday.

It's the first loss by the Americans in an international game since falling to a team from the Czech Republic in 2011 when the U.S. was on a European tour. The Americans, who beat the French by 36 points in the gold medal game at the Olympics in 2012, had a 12-point halftime lead and were up 60-52 with 6:39 left in the game before the hosts rallied. France led 71-67 with 27 seconds left after Celine Dumerc, who plays for the Atlanta Dream in the

PARIS (AP) — Sandrine Gru- WNBA, hit a jumper. Maya first quarter, I thought we Moore made a 3-pointer 7 seconds later to make it a one-point game.

After the teams ехchanged free throws, Dumerc made the first of two from the foul line before corralling her own miss with nine seconds left to seal

"We talked to the players about how difficult all which shot just 40 percent this is going to be," U.S. coach Geno Auriemma said. "Sometimes maybe we think this is going to be easy, but it's not going to be easy. It's not easy to beat a really good team on their home floor if you don't shoot the ball well, if you don't make shots. The way we started in the

started the right way. Our defense was really good. Our offense was going. And then when we got into a little bit of a lull, France and Sandrine (Gruda) especially, they just made shots. They deserved to win tonight. No question about that." Tina Charles scored 12 points to lead the U.S., (27 for 67) from the field. Moore missed her first nine shots before hitting the 3 that brought the Americans within one. Diana Taurasi was 3 for 13 from the field. The U.S. was also outrebounded 44-38.

The U.S. is still trying to finalize its roster before the world championship. The

Americans brought 15 players to France for the tournament. three-day They beat Australia and China in the first two games playing everybody.

Skylar Diggins, Kayla Mc-Bride, Stefanie Dolson and Jantel Lavender didn't play on Sunday. The Americans are still awaiting word on whether 6-foot-8 center Brittney Griner can join the roster pool. She was sidelined by a retinal injury in Game 3 of the WNBA Finals and is awaiting doctor's clearance. With returning Olympians Candace Parker and Sylvia Fowles out with injuries, the U.S. was lacking an inside presence against France.

The U.S. will head to the

Czech Republic for one more exhibition game before opening up the world championship against China on Sept. 27.

"I think in my experience every loss has been a good thing," three-time Olympic gold medalist Sue Bird said. "It's kind of woken us up and showed us some things that we need to work on. Usually, it plays out to our favor. I can think of literally every time I've lost in this USA jersey, and it's helped us, so that's how we are looking at it. That's why you play these games leading up to a competition, to see what you need to work on. And we definitely found out some things."



5 ways to protect yourself from data breaches

JOSEPH PISANI AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Data breaches at retailers aren't going away but there are ways consumers can protect themselves from future heists of their payment card information.

Home Depot said Thursday that malicious software lurking in its check-out terminals between April and September affected 56 million debit and credit cards that customers swiped at its stores. Target, Michaels and Neiman Marcus have also been attacked by hackers in the past year.

More breaches are likely. The Department of Homeland Security Department warned last month that more than 1,000 retailers could have malware in their cash-register computers.

Here are five ways to protect yourself:

1. CONSIDER ANOTHER WAY TO PAY

Try newer ways to pay, such as PayPal or Apple Pay. "Any technology that avoids you having your credit card in your hand in a store is safer," says Craig Young, security researcher for software maker Tripwire. Those services store your credit card information and it's not given to the retailer when you make a payment. Many big retailers, including

Home Depot, accept Pay-Pal at their stores, but many others don't. Apple Pay, which was only introduced this month, has even more limitations: It is available in just a small number of stores so far and only people with an iPhone 6 can use it.

ing with a debit card, sign for your purchase instead of typing in your personal identification number at the cash register. You can do this by asking the cashier to process the card as a credit card or select credit card on the display. Not entering

access to customers' PINs. Home Depot, however, said there was no indication that PINs were compromised in the breach at its stores. 3. BEWARE OF EMAIL SCAM-

After big data breaches are exposed, and get a lot of

Scan credit card statements every month for any unauthorized charges. And keep an eye out for smaller charges. Thieves will charge smaller amounts to test to see if you notice and then charge a larger amount later, Litan says. They may also steal a small amount from millions of accounts, scoring a big payday, she says. And check your credit re-

ly," Young says. If an email

looks credible, go to Home

Depot's site directly instead

4. KEEP UP WITH STATEMENTS

of clicking on links.

port for any accounts that crooks may have opened in your name. Credit reports are available for free, from each of the three national credit reporting agencies — Equifax, Experian and TransUnion — every 12 months from AnnualCreditReport. com. Home Depot is also offering free credit monitoring and identity protection services to customers. Customers can go to the company's website for more information or call them at 800-466-3337.

5. GO OLD SCHOOL

Use cash. When possible, the safest bet is to not swipe a card at all. Even if security gets stronger at stores, hackers are likely to figure out a way around it. "It's always a cat and mouse game," Young says.



In this Feb. 22, 2010, file photo, shoppers walk through the aisles at the Home Depot store in **Associated Press** Williston, Vt.

Stored-value cards or apps, such as the ones used at coffee chains Starbucks and Dunkin Donuts, are also a safer bet, says Gartner security analyst Avivah Litan. That's because they don't expose credit card information at the register.

2. SIGN IT, DON'T PIN IT If you're planning on pay-

you PIN into a keypad will help reduce the chances of a hacker stealing that number too, Young says. Crooks can do more damage with your PIN, possibly printing a copy of the card and taking money out of an ATM, he says. During Target's breach last year, the discount retailer said hackers gained

media attention, scammers come out of the woodwork looking to steal personal information. Some emails may mention Home Depot or offer free credit monitoring, but you should never click on the links. Many are for fake sites that try to steal bank information or passwords. "Avoid these entire-

Oculus unveils new prototype VR headset

DERRIK J. LANG AP Entertainment Writer LOS ANGELES (AP) — Oculus has unveiled a new prototype of its virtual reality headset. However, the VR company still isn't ready to release a consumer edition.

The hew headset intended for creators of VR experiences is nicknamed Crescent Bay and features a higher resolution and refresh rate, integrated headphones and 360-degree head tracking.

"That was not easy," Oculus CEO Brendan Iribe told the audience Saturday at the company's first-ever developers conference. "It's still not perfect. None of this is perfect yet, but it's much, much better."

Oculus' headset covers a user's eyes and can create immersive worlds that react to head movement. The original prototype of the Oculus Rift headset was unveiled in 2012 and has received considerable attention from film and video game makers. Oculus released a second prototype headset to developers earlier this year. Iribe said 100,000 development kits have been shipped to 130 countries.

"I never expected it to go this quickly," Iribe said. "None of us did."

The Irvine, California-based Oculus VR Inc. was ac-

quired by Facebook earlier this year for \$2 billion. Iribe said Oculus' staff has doubled in the six months since the acquisition.

"We're really spiriting toward the consumer version," he said.

Oculus recently teamed up with Samsung to introduce Gear VR, a \$200 headset with a slot for using the Galaxy Note 4 smartphone as a VR display.

Over the past two years, Oculus' technology has been demonstrated at events like San Diego Comic-Con and the Electronic Entertainment Expo with interactive experiences that recreate scenes from the "X-Men" and "Pa-



A visitor tries out Samsung's Gear VR powered by Oculus during the Tokyo Game Show in Makuhari, near Tokyo, Thursday, Sept. 18, 2014. **Associated Press**

cific Rim" films and thrust ogy, which continues to doglight in the game "EVE: Valkyrie."

Iribe reiterated several times during his talk at the Oculus Connect conference that creating a sense of presence would be integral for the widespread adoption of VR technol-

users into an intergalactic leave some users feeling queasy despite Oculus' strides in creating lower latency and more realistic imagery inside the goggles.

> "You should believe you're there and feel great, even if you're super-sensitive like me," Iribe said.



Tops in E-commerce;

Ma now taking on China's banks

NEIL GOUGH

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HONG KONG - When Jack Ma started a new retail site to rival eBay's dominance in China, he called it "a fight between an ant and an elephant." Ma, the chairman of Alibaba Group, even briefly considered making the site's mascot the ant.

He soon prevailed, with eBay eventually closing its Chinese operations. Years later, Alibaba's online retail venture, Taobao, is China's largest shopping site - a position that helped company moves in ways that run counter to powerful state firms or regulators. "Jack Ma has clearly disrupted the banking sector in China, and if he didn't have the right political clout to do that, he would have been crushed already," said Paul Gillis, a professor at the Guanghua School of Management at Peking University. "How far he can go with it" remains to be seen, Gillis added.

The payoff could be huge. Zhejiang Ant, a standalone company that is controlled by Ma and for the majority of users for nearly every online or mobile e-commerce transaction, and an increasing number of offline transactions as well - I even use Alipay to pay my rent and utilities," said Zennon Kapron, the managing director of Kapronasia, a financial industry consulting firm based in Shanghai. "Banks are already facing challenges in maintaining profitability and credit quality, and they definitely recognize Alipay and Yu'e Bao as a threat."

At the core of this budding



Ashley Wang, a television editor, uses Alibaba's Alipay on her iPhone in Beijing. With a record-breaking IPO under its belt, Alibaba is going head-to-head with some of the world's most profitable banks, operating in highly regulated markets and standing against competitors largely owned by the Chinese government. (Jonah M. Kessel/The New York Times)

Ma pull off a record-setting initial public offering.

Now, Ma is going up against another giant by shaking up China's statedominated finance industry. His business, the newly named Zhejiang Ant Small and Micro Financial Services Group, processes payments, sells insurance and runs one of the world's largest money market funds. In doing so, the company is going head-to-head with some of the world's most profitable banks, operating in highly regulated markets and standing against competitors largely owned by the Chinese government. It is a precarious posi-

It is a precarious position. Although Beijing has pledged more financial liberalization, Ma risks government displeasure if his shares profits with Alibaba, could be worth an estimated \$25 billion.

It is also making significant inroads. Through Alipay in China, the company already processes nearly four times the amount of payments that eBay's PayPal unit does globally. It is also winning deposits away from state banks by paying higher interest rates on investments in Yu'e Bao, a money-market fund that has grown to be one of the world's largest in just over a year. It is branching into online transfers, making loans to small businesses, developing other investment products and laying plans to open one of China's first private banks.

"Alipay has become the default payment platform

financial services empire is Alipay. In the 12 months that ended in June, the business processed \$778 billion worth of payments in China, only 30 percent of that related to Alibaba's online shopping websites. By comparison, eBay's PayPal unit - which does not have a license in China but handles transactions in more than 100 currencies across 203 markets globally - processed \$203 billion in payments during the same period

Ashley Wang, 22, a television editor in Beijing, started using Alipay six years ago to shop on Taobao, the Alibaba site where independent vendors sell goods like clothing, household items and consumer electronics.

At A Glance: Alibaba's big NYSE debut

KEN SWEET

AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — China's e-commerce giant Alibaba began trading its shares Friday on the New York Stock Exchange. Here are some highlights about Alibaba, and why its initial public offering made history:

THE BIGGEST: Alibaba raised \$21.8 billion in its debut, making it the biggest U.S.-listed IPO in history after the IPO of credit card processing company Visa in 2008. If Alibaba's investment banks were to exercise their option to sell an additional 48 million shares, it could make Alibaba's IPO the biggest in the world, beating out the \$22 billion IPO of Agricultural Bank of China in 2010.

DON'T FORGET YAHOO: It may have been a big day for Alibaba and its founder Jack Ma, but Yahoo's investors are feeling pretty good after Alibaba's IPO. Yahoo was an early investor in Alibaba, paying \$1 billion for a stake in the company in 2005. Yahoo likely made \$8.3 billion to \$9.5 billion in Alibaba's IPO, and will still own a 16 percent stake in the company worth \$37.7 billion.

ALIBABA ECLIPISES SILICON VALLEY: Alibaba now has a market capitalization of roughly \$219.8 billion, according to FactSet. That makes the company bigger than some of the U.S. technology industry's most successful names, such as Facebook, eBay, and even Amazon. com.

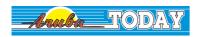
BIG PROFITS: Unlike the U.S. e-commerce giant Amazon, Alibaba has been consistently profitable. The company had \$8.5 billion in sales in its latest fiscal year ending in March, with net income of \$3.8 billion. The year prior, Alibaba had \$5.4 billion in sales and \$1.4 billion in profits. In comparison, Amazon sold \$74.4 billion in goods in 2013, but made only \$274 million in profits that year. In 2012, Amazon reported a net loss of \$39 million.

RISKS: If Alibaba does well for investors, it will be the exception to what has been the trend for Chinese companies. When Chinese companies have listed stocks on American markets, their shares have lost an average 1 percent a year for the next three years, compared with an average 7 percent annual gain for other U.S. IPOs, according to research by Jay Ritter, a finance professor at the University of Florida.

SECOND TIME AROUND: This isn't Alibaba's first time going public. Alibaba took its online shopping portal Alibaba.com public in 2007 in Hong Kong. Alibaba.com was a publicly traded company only for a few years. Alibaba took Alibaba.com private in 2012.

SOLID GOLD: Jack Ma, who started Alibaba in 1999 in his apartment in the Chinese city of Hangzhou, is now among the richest people in the world. Ma's ownership in the company is worth roughly \$18.2 billion, based on Alibaba's closing share price Friday. That doesn't include the shares he sold in the IPO, which are worth another \$867 million, and his other investments. Bloomberg put his entire net worth at \$21.9 billion, making him the 34th richest person in the world.

LIFE IS LIKE A BOX OF...: Jack Ma biggest hero is the fictional character Forrest Gump. "I really like that guy," Ma said, in an interview with business channel CNBC on Friday. "Every time I'm frustrated, I watch the movie. (The movie tells) me that no matter whatever changed, you are you."



US pay gap shrinks but is stubborn

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A closer look at the numbers reveals the good news: Within nearly every age group, the pay gap is shrinking more than the census data shows, said Claudia Goldin, a Harvard economist and a leading scholar on the pay gap.

The census data is a broad generalization - it reports the median earnings of people 15 and older working full time and yearround (\$50,033 for men and \$39,157 for women). The reason for the discrepancy is that the baby boomers skew the results - because there are so many of them, because the pay gap tends to widen as women age and because they were the first generation in which women began to approach men in educational and career achievements.

So while the gap looks as if it has remained more or less stable for several years, Goldin said, it has actually been closing.

"It adds up - a cent here, a cent there," she said.

Still, the gap remains wide, and after it shrank rapidly from the mid-1970s until the early 1990s, its reduction slowed significantly. So what has worked to close the gap as much as it has? For one, women are now as educated as men (and younger women are generally better educated).

Women have also gained entry to a much wider variety of industries and reached executive roles in high-paying professions. Meanwhile, technology and other factors have made it possible for more jobs to be done remotely and on flexible schedules, and for workers to substitute more easily for one another.

Then why has the gap remained stubbornly in place? Some of the causes are difficult to quantify and thus harder to address, like discrimination, negotiating skills and networking over beers.

Your Money:

Parents, the kids are fine, spend their inheritance

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Once people hit retirement, they do not know how long they will live or how long their money will last. Still, most retirees with

officially off the hook? First, consider the state of the generational disconnect. In an article that the journal The Gerontologist published last year, Kyungmin Kim and four col-

to them already. A subset of adult children seem to understand this innately. In Kim's study, the adult children who were getting money from their aging

parents while they were still



Once people hit retirement, they do not know how long they will live or how long their money will last. Still, the vast majority of retirees with children cling to an intention to leave something behind, even though many of those offspring have no expectation of receiving an inheritance. (Robert Neubecker for The New York Times)

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This parental instinct might seem loving and generous, but there is another way to look at it. All of this devotion to the next generation may also be the height of foolishness.

After a few decades of spending well into the six figures to rear and educate each child (and increasingly, years more backstopping young adults who are not quite financially independent), the parents probably ought to cease feeling this sense of obligathe present, on making had that disconnect. meaninaful memories with Economists who study the family members or on topnotch care that can help make aging more comfortable and graceful - in their own home if possible.

So how can we middleaged children convince

leagues took the unusual step of using polling data from both older Americans and their adult children about whether they expected to leave or receive an inheritance.

Kim, a postdoctoral fellow at the Population Research Center at the University of Texas, reported these results. Among the parents, ages 59-96, 86.2 percent expected to leave a bequest. But just 44.6 percent of the children, ages 40-60, thought they would get one.

As for the most agonizing possible mismatch, where parents had no intention of leaving money behind but their children were expecttion. Far better to spend ing some, just 2.4 percent their retirement money in of the parent-child pairs

> motivation for inheritance intentions tend to investigate two general areas. The first involves the moral obligation that parents feel toward their offspring, no matter how much sup-

alive had a higher expectation than other adult children of getting more once their parents were dead. Entitlement, anyone?

The other inheritance theory relates to exchanges. The assumption here is that parents wish to reward children who help them while they are still alive with an inheritance after they've died. They may even subtly (or not so subtly) dangle the prospect of a bequest in front of the children while they are still living to encourage the desired behavior or assistance. What Kim and her colleagues

however, was that the adult children who were providing more support were less likely to expect an family before the inheriinheritance, even though tance topic comes up," their parents were indeed more likely to intend to give them one.

The message here would seem to be that aging parents are generous to a fault, if a bit manipulative on occasion. Adult children, our parents that they are port they may have given meanwhile, accept their

obligations to care for their parents with little expectation of receiving anything in return, though some who remain on the dole well into adulthood expect their parents to provide for them from the grave too.

The study's yes-no questions, however, are relatively limiting. Many parents may be hoping to leave just a token amount, after all. Adult children might lie about their expectations to please the researchers, too. And besides, even if you expect nothing it doesn't mean that you don't badly want that very thing.

For more insight on this, I turned to an academic who has recently gotten into the business of trying to get older Americans to tap into their home equity during their retirement years. Christopher Mayer is an economist at Columbia Business School with expertise in housing finance and policy. But he's also the chief executive at a new reverse mortgage company called Longbridge Financial.

Reverse mortgages, which allow people 62 and older to tap some of the equity in their homes without having to make any loan payments until they die or move out, are roughly half as popular as they were before the housing crisis. Plenty of bad actors persuaded elderly homeowners to take lump sum loan distributions and plow them into inappropriate annuities or other financial products. As a result, protective adult children often come with their parents to discuss reverse mortgages with the person pitching the loan. But who exactly are they

protecting? "It's hard to have more than three or four conversations with a Mayer said of the children who try to talk their parents out of tapping their home equity. "There are times when they say, 'Mom and Dad, that could be useful money for me."

Hoarding home equity certainly seems prudent.

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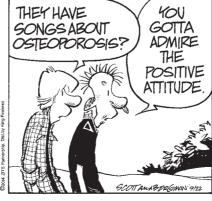


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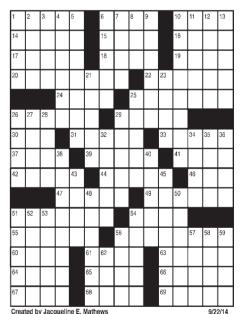
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Islamic State group an online threat

Associated Press NEW YORK (AP) — The lat-

est issue of the digital magazine "Dabiq" features glossy photos of smiling militants from the Islamic State group, mutilated bodies on

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This Screen grab from the U.S. Department of State's Twitter

page "Think Again Turn Away," taken Sept. 20, 2014, criticizes

"That is a current threat their ability to inspire people here in the United States who can't travel to Syria to fight, or inspire people to travel to Syria and while they're there train them and inspire them to come

jihad.

mayhem.

"ISIS and al-Qaida now are competing to see who can do the most," said Jerome Hauer, commissioner of the New York State Division of Homeland Security, using one of the acronyms for the group. "I think ISIS will become a greater threat as time goes on. ... But I don't see it as an organized attack. I see it as a 'lone wolf' attack."

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2007, it also released analysis warning that the rants could put young men from the Middle East who had grown disillusioned with life in America on the path to

But authorities say the rise of the Islamic State group and the proliferation of al-Qaida offshoots has multiplied the anti-American messages found on the Internet, reaching an even broader audience and upping their potential to invite

One posting that surfaced last week — titled "To the Lone Wolves in America: How to Make a Bomb in Your Kitchen, to Create Scenes of Horror in Tourgets" — was purportedly ties are less concerned about whether the posts are authentic and more so about whether they help radicalize homegrown terrorists, said John Miller, the NYPD's top counterterror-

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the Islamic State group as part of a broad social media campaign. The U.S. State Department launched a "Think Again Turn Away" campaign on YouTube, Facebook and Twitter, with Arabic and English videos similar in style to those of al-Qaida and the Islamic State group, but none have gained the traction of the Islamic State's videos. (AP Photo) home and commit terror-

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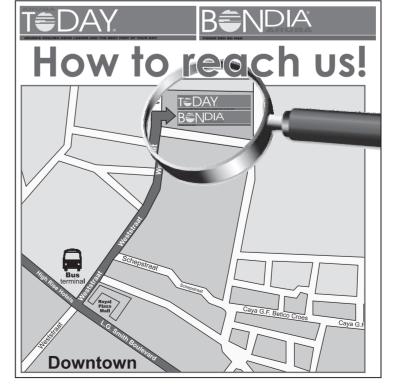
the battlefield and articles with titles such as, "There is No Life Without Jihad" and "Foley's Blood is on Obama's Hands."

It refers to Americans as "crusaders" and "apostates." And it insists "sincere Muslims" must help speed "the complete collapse of the modern American em-

Authorities say the magazine — published in English and other languages and easily available on the Internet — has become a potent propaganda tool for the group to recruit Westerners. They also warn that the publication, along with other inflammatory messages and videos on Twitter and other social media, have the power to incite socalled "lone wolves" who hatch domestic plots such as the ones officials have alleged recently in Australia

in the Rochester area. Terror propaganda on the Internet — and law enforcement's concern about it — isn't new: Since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, the NYPD has assigned foreign-born officers fluent in languages like Arabic and Farsi to surf websites where hatred of the West rages as





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China, the No. 1 carbon

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The U.S. had reduced its carbon emissions in four

of the five previous years.

Peters said it rose last year

because of a recovering

economy and more coal

Only two dozen of the about 200 countries cut

their carbon emissions last

year, led mostly by Euro-

pean countries. Spain had

the biggest decrease.

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China, U.S., India push world carbon emissions up

SETH BORENSTEIN AP Science Writer WASHINGTON (AP)

Spurred chiefly by China, the United States and India, the world spewed far more carbon pollution into the air last year than ever before, scientists announced Sunday as world leaders gather to discuss how to reduce heat-trapping gases.

The world pumped an estimated 39.8 billion tons (36.1 billion metric tons) of carbon dioxide into the air last year by burning coal, oil and gas. That is 778 million tons (706 metric tons) or 2.3 percent more than the previous year.

"It's in the wrong direction," said Glen Peters, a Norwegian scientist who was part of the Global Carbon Project international team that tracks and calculates global emissions every year.

Their results were published Sunday in three articles in the peer-reviewed journals Nature Geoscience and Nature Climate Change.

The team projects that emissions of carbon dioxide, the main heat-trapping gas from human activity, are increasing by 2.5 percent this year.

The scientists forecast that emissions will continue to increase, adding that the world in about 30 years will warm by about 2 degrees Fahrenheit (1.1 degrees Celsius) from now. In 2009, world leaders called that level dangerous and pledged not to reach it.

"Time is running short," said Pierre Friedlingstein of the University of Exeter in England, one of the studies' lead authors. "The more we do nothing, the more



In this Wednesday, July 31, 2013, file photo, a worker levels the coal on a freight train in Taiyuan in northern China's Shanxi province.

likely we are to be hittina this wall in 2040-something."

Chris Field, a Carnegie Institution ecologist who heads a U.N. panel on global warming, called the studies "a stark and sobering picture of the steps we need to take to address the challenge of climate change."

More than 100 world leaders will meet Tuesday at the U.N. Climate Summit to discuss how to reverse the emissions trend.

The world's three biggest carbon polluting nations — China, the U.S. and India — all saw their emissions jump. No other country came close in additional emissions.

Indian emissions grew by 5.1 percent, Chinese emissions by 4.2 percent and the U.S. emissions by 2.9 percent, when the extra leap day in 2012 is ac-

The world emissions averaged to 6.3 million pounds (2.9 million kilograms) of carbon dioxide put in the **Associated Press** air every second.

Japan, neighbors agree to moves to protect eels



In this June 13, 2014 file photo, a menu of eel dish is displayed at an eel specialized restaurant in Tokyo.

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to take other measures to try to save the species and limit eel catches, including

setting up an organization to coordinate management of the industry.

The Japanese eel is a popular summertime delicacy, served roasted with a sweet and savory sauce over rice. It was put on the international conservation "red list" earlier this year, indicating it faces a very high risk of extinction due to overfishing.

Efforts to farm eels have made slow progress due to their complicated migratory patterns.

Unlike salmon, which migrate inland to spawn but spend their lives at sea, eels are spawned in remote areas of the ocean and then migrate inland, only returning to the sea to reproduce. Japanese eel farmers buy most of the elvers they raise from the three other countries involved in the talks.

According to the International Union for Conservation of Nature, various factors are hurting the species, including barriers along waterways, pollution and changes in ocean conditions.



'Maze Runner' races past 'Tombstones' with \$32.5M

JAKE COYLE AP Film Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The young-adult adaptation "The Maze Runner" raced to the top of the box-office with \$32.5 million, giving a budding franchise a quick start out of the

The 20th Century Fox release easily outpaced the \$13.1 million debut of Liam Neeson's hardboiled private eye thriller "A Walk Among the Tombstones" and the \$11.9 million opening for the ensemble-cast dramedy "This Is Where I Leave You," according to studio estimates Sunday.

The strong opening for "The Maze Runner," adapted from James Dashner's science-fiction YA novel, is a big success for a movie that cost \$34 million to make and was released in the normally quiet month of September. Fox aimed to make the film — about a group of teenage boys mysteriously locked inside a giant maze — the first postsummer event movie, putting it on IMAX and large-format screens.

"Our little \$34 million-budgeted film is pretty darn strong," said Chris Aronson, head of distribution for Fox.

"No one had launched a YA title in September. We took a risk, but it paid off.

Aronson said attracting young moviegoers has been "the Achilles heel" of Hollywood in recent budget of just \$12 million.

"It shows the pitch-perfect strategic planning of Fox," said Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst for box-office tracker Rentrak. "Teenagers are probably the



In this image released by 20th Century Fox, Dylan O'Brien appears in a scene from the film, "The Maze Runner." **Associated Press**

years. But the studio has recently found success with relatively lowbudget YA releases, like "The Fault in Our Stars," the Shailene Woodley melodrama that made \$125 million earlier this year despite a most fickle creatures on the planet to figure out. So marketing to this particular group is tricky and there have been a lot of casualties in this YA war." But "The Maze Runner," which drew a 51 percent fe-

male audience despite an almost all-male cast, is now a promising franchise. Its opening was further boosted by \$37.6 million internationally. Aronson announced Sunday that the planned sequel, "The Maze Runner: The Scorch Trials," will bow Sept. 18 next year.

While Neeson's box-office strength has been hard to beat in recent years, Universal's darker, R-rated "A Walk Among the Tombstones" came in well below the track record established by his "Taken" series or, from earlier this year, "Non-Stop." Neeson stars as a justiceseeking former NYPD detective. Warner Bros.' "This Is Where I Leave

You," about a large suburban family sitting Shiva for the funeral of their patriarch, boasted an A-list ensemble cast including Tina Fey, Jason Bateman and Jane Fonda. But such adult fare rarely lights up the box office, even when directed by a filmmaker with a proven record of attracting crowds. The film, adapted from Jonathan Trooper's best seller, was directed by Shawn Levy, who is best known for broader comedies like the "Night at the Museum" franchise.

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Craig Ferguson plays it loose with new game show

LYNN ELBER AP Television Writer LOS ANGELES (AP) — Craig

Ferguson approached his first TV game show host's job with a subversive attitude. Then came the simple matter of his wardrobe for "Celebrity Name Game."

"I thought, 'I'm not going to wear a suit. I'm going to break that rule,'" the Scottish-born Ferguson said. Wrong decision, he quickly realized, after taping the first few episodes of the syndicated daytime show debuting Monday.

"When I watched the shows back, I couldn't tell who was in charge," he said.

On came the business suit, fitted over the sly, irreverent style that his nighttime fans know from CBS' "The

Late Late Show with Craig Ferguson," which began airing in 2005.

He wouldn't have tackled a game show without the opportunity of making it his own, Ferguson said.

"I liked this one because the format was loose and it left a lot of room for playing around and improvisation," he said. "And it's a new format, which meant that people weren't in love with the game itself and wouldn't get mad at me if I started messing around with it."

The challenge, Ferguson said, is to mess around while still observing the rules of the game. He's getting the hang of it as he tapes 180 episodes in a three-month production window, with hopes that the show is renewed so he



This undated photo provided by FremantleMedia North America & Debmar-Mercury shows host Craig Ferguson on "Celebrity Name Game."

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can do more mischief.
Courteney Cox is confident he's right for the job.
The "Cougartown" and former "Friends" star is an executive producer on the show along with her ex-husband, David Arquette.

"Craig is the perfect host," Cox said. "He is hilarious, irreverent and so spontaneous. He is unflappable and really enjoys himself, which is contagious for everyone around him."

The show, based on the board game Identity Crisis, pairs celebrities with contestants to figure out — using improvised clues — the names of actors, singers, athletes, politicians and other famous folk

Celebrity guests include Sheryl Crow, Vivica A. Fox, Billy Gardell, Lisa Kudrow, Darren Criss, Peter Facinelli, Tony Hale and Mena Suvari. Cox and Arquette also step in front of the camera.

There are other big names involved with "Celebrity Name Game": co-producers FremantleMedia North America ("American Idol," "The Price is Right") and Debmar-Mercury, the Lionsgate subsidiary that distributes Fremantle-produced "Family Feud."

Debmar-Mercury proposed the "Celebrity Name Game" project to Fremantle following the well-received launch of a new version of the game show "Family Feud," said Thom Beers, CEO of Fremantle's U.S. arm.

"It made sense to us to use that success in the market-place to leverage position for the show," Beers said. "Family Feud," with host Steve Harvey, is in 190 U.S. TV markets, most of the country; "Celebrity Name Game" is starting close behind with 169 markets.

For Ferguson, the game show represents both a change of pace and a transition. He's leaving his CBS late night talk show in December, with British actor James Corden taking over next year.

Ferguson is open to what happens next. Maybe another talk show, he said, maybe not. But with the compressed taping schedule for "Celebrity Name Game," there's definitely room for other endeavors, whether new or familiar.

"I have some ideas kicking around in the Discovery network field. I'm interested in a lot of different things and I actually haven't come down on anything yet," he said.

"I'll always do standup, which is kind of my instrument, if you like, the thing I learned to do first."



Sex Is the Least of It



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Let us all contemplate the fact that Rep. Mark Sanford of South Carolina is running for re-election unopposed.

Sanford was, of course, the governor who sneaked off to Argentina for an assignation while his befuddled aides claimed he was hiking on the Appalachian Trail

Now he's the Facebook congressman, who announced his breakup with his Argentinesqueeze-turned-fiancée in a 2,346-word posting that was mainly a whine about his exwife, the divorce settlement and visitation rules. "I think I owe you my thinking on this personal, but now public matter," he told the world. Which most definitely had not asked for the information. This is precisely the sort of thing his constituents should have been dreading when they gave the 54-year-old Republican another chance in a special House election last year. Sanford's problem is less his libido than his remarkable, garrulous self-absorption. The man can't stop sharing. Returning from his Argentina foray, he gave an interview to The Associated Press in which he philosophized about the "sex line" that set his mistress, María Belén Chapur, apart from other women for whom he'd lusted.

And he held an endless news conference, perhaps the only moment in American political history in which a politician talked about his illicit sex life so much that everybody got bored with the subject. ("I'll tell you more detail than you'll ever want....") This was the same appearance in which he made the memorable announcement: "I spent the last five days crying in Argentina."

And thus was born a legend. Sanford got a clean start by running for Congress in a campaign that was long on the power of divine forgiveness and short on appearances by Chapur. Once elected, he kept a low profile. Then came the Facebook posting, yet another reminder of the importance of keeping elected officials away from social media.

Sanford ranted about a recent family court filing in which his ex-wife, Jenny, asked that he required to undergo chiatric evaluation and complete an anger management program. The congressman defended himself by sounding both angry and crazy. "I cannot do this anymore," he wrote, launching into a litany of complaints about Jenny and the lawyers, along with repeated references to his own incredible self-restraint.

In what sounded almost like an afterthought, he announced that he was also breaking up with Chapur. "Maybe there will be another chapter when waters calm with Jenny, but at this point the environment is not conducive to building anything given no one would want to be caught in the middle of what's now happening," he wrote. In fact, his fiancée totally did

and had been demanding that Sanford finally come through with a wedding ring. He had been stalling five years. Once it turned out that he was running without an opponent this fall, Chapur might have reasonably expected that the moment had arrived. Sanford then decreed that he needed to wait two more years until his youngest son was no longer a minor. Chapur declined. She told The New York Times' Jim Rutenberg that she didn't expect her exfiancé to keep it a secret. But she had presumably expected a more tasteful announcement - say pamphlets tossed out of a hot-air balloon. "I learned it from the press today," she told Rutenberg. So Sanford has defined himself as the exact incumbent you'd make a special trip to the polls to vote against. But there's no Democrat in the race. "It wasn't for lack of trying," said Jaime Harrison, the Democratic state chairman, in a phone interview. The party, he explained, had high hopes of defeating Sanford last year when its candidate was Elizabeth Colbert Busch. When she lost by 9 percentage points, "that kind of deflated the spirits of some people." You can understand the Democrats feeling as if there are some things worse than a blank space on the ballot. Last election cycle they failed to keep a close eye on who was running in their Senate primary and wound up with an unemployed man who was facing obscenity charges for showing a female college student a pornographic picture. Then, the party was preoccupied with fending off another Senate hopeful who had pleaded auilty to three felony charges related to his business dealings. Stuff happens in South Carolina. Who can forget the time the agriculture commissioner was indicted for taking payoffs to protect a cockfighting ring? Or Thomas Ravenel, the state treasurer who pleaded guilty to buying cocaine and spent 10 months in prison? He's now running for the Senate as an independent and appearing in a reality TV show called "Southern Charm" in which he got one of his co-stars pregnant during the first season.

You have to wonder how much space there is between Mark Sanford and reality TV. The voters should demand assurances that he isn't signed up for an upcoming season of "The Bachelor." Although if he is, there's not a heck of a lot they can do about it now.



Goodbye, Organization Man



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Imagine two cities. In City A, town leaders notice that every few weeks a house catches on fire. So they create a fire department - a group of professionals with prepositioned firefighting equipment and special expertise. In City B, town leaders don't create a fire department. When there's a fire, they hurriedly cobble together some people and equipment to fight

We are City B. We are particularly slow to build institutions to combat long-running problems. The most obvious example is the fight against jihadism. We've been facing Islamist terror for several decades, now, but every time it erupts - in Lebanon, Nigeria, Sudan, Syria and beyond - leaders start from scratch and build some new ad hoc coalition to fight it.

The most egregious example is global health emergencies. Every few years, some significant epidemic strikes, and somebody suggests that we form a Medical Expeditionary Corps, a specialized organization that would help coordinate and execute the global response. Several years ago, then-Sen. Bill Frist went so far as to prepare a bill proposing such a force. But, as always, nothing came of it.

The result, right now, is unnecessary deaths from the Ebola virus in Africa. Ebola is a recurring problem, yet the world seems unprepared. The response has been slow and uncoordinated.

The virus' spread, once linear, is now exponential. As Michael Gerson pointed out in The Washington Post, the normal countermeasures - isolation, contact tracing - are rendered increasingly irrelevant by the rate of increase. Treatment centers open and are immediately filled to twice capacity as people die on the streets outside. An Oxford University forecast warns as many as 15 more countries are vulnerable to outbreaks. The president of Liberia, Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, warned: "At this rate, we will never break the transmission chain, and the virus will overwhelm us."

The catastrophe extends beyond the disease. Economies are rocked as flights are canceled and outsiders flee. Ray Chambers, a philanthropist and U.N. special envoy focused on global health, points out the impact on health more broadly. For example, people in the early stages of malaria show similar symptoms to Ebola and other diseases. Many hesitate to seek treatment fearing they'll get sent to an Ebola isolation center. So death rates from malaria, pneumonia and other common diseases could rise, as further Ebola cases fail to be di-

The World Health Organization has recently come out with an action plan but lacks logistical capabilities. President Barack Obama asked for a strategy, but that was two months ago and the government is only now coming up with a strong comprehensive plan. Up until now, aid has been scattershot. The Pentagon opened a 25-bed field hospital in Liberia. The U.S. donated five ambulances to Sierra Leone. Coordination has just not been there.

At root, this is a governance failure. The disease spreads fastest in places where the health care infrastructure is lacking or nonexistent. Liberia, for example, is being overrun while Ivory Coast has put in a series of policies to prevent an outbreak. The few doctors and nurses in the affected places have trouble acquiring the safety basics: gloves and body bags. More than 100, so far, have died fighting the outbreak.

But it's not just a failure of governance in Africa. It's a failure of governance around the world. I wonder if we are looking at the results of a cultural shift.

A few generations ago, people grew up in and were comfortable with big organizations - the army, corporations and agencies. They organized huge construction projects in the 1930s, gigantic industrial mobilization during World War II, highway construction and corporate growth during the 1950s. Institutional stewardship, the care and reform of big organizations, was more prestigious.

Now nobody wants to be an Organization Man. We like startups, disrupters and rebels. Creativity is honored more than the administrative execution. Post-Internet, many people assume that big problems can be solved by swarms of small, loosely networked nonprofits and social entrepreneurs. Big hierarchical organizations are dinosaurs.

The Ebola crisis is another example that shows that this is misguided. The big, stolid agencies - the health ministries, the infrastructure builders, the procurement agencies - are the bulwarks of the civil and global order. Public and nonprofit management, the stuff that gets derided as "overhead," really matters. It's as important to attract talent to health ministries as it is to spend money on specific medicines.

As recent books by Francis Fukuyama and Philip Howard have detailed, this is an era of general institutional decay. New, mobile institutions languish on the drawing broad, while old ones are not reformed and tended. Executives at public agencies are robbed of discretionary power. Their hands are bound by court judgments and regulations.

When the boring tasks of governance are not performed, infrastructures don't get built. Then, when epidemics strike, people die. 🔲



Back to School: Making a Splash on Campus

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When Louisiana State University surveyed students in 2009 to find out what they most wanted in their new recreation complex, one feature beat out even massage therapy: a lazy river.

But with dozens of schools (including some of its Southeastern Conference rivals) building the water rides, the university had to do one better: When its the National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association) - the latest thing is to turn a piece of campus into something approaching a water theme park.

At Auburn University in Alabama, for example, students can soak in a 45-person paw-print-shaped hot tub or scale a 20-foot wet climbing wall before plunging into the pool. Designs for North Dakota State's facility, on which construction is scheduled to begin

David Frock, Clemson's director of recreation, referring to the TV show "American Ninja Warrior."

Meanwhile, a company called the Aquatic Development Group, a purveyor of pool climbing walls, has installed a \$1 million wave rider at Pensacola Christian College in Florida and is working with six other schools. So far, AquaClimb has placed 10 climbing walls at colleges, with another 35 in the works.

that has designed the water portion of nearly every big new university project. The focus on pools for play comes with a shift in university rec centers from just places to sweat to more social spaces, complete with hangout areas. Sun loungers, water slides and projectors for "dive-in" movies at the pool are a part of that.

With college costs climbing and outstanding student loan debt at a record \$1.2

fect on student enrollment at less-elite schools.)

In some cases, students vote to tax themselves for buildings that won't be finished until long after most have graduated.

Lauren Hayes, the 2008-09 Auburn student government president who campaigned to upgrade the university's recreation facilities, said her platform was an obvious choice, given that the school's "kind of '80s dark basement" was ranked among the worst in the SEC at the time. A week before she left office, 74 percent of students voted to raise their activity fee from \$7.50 to \$200 to fund the \$52.5 million project.

Administrators also like to point to studies conducted at Purdue University and Michigan State, which have shown that students who hit the gym do better academically than those who don't. Floating down a river is not exactly a major calorie burn, but that's not the point.

"When you think about our sedentary lifestyle today, if you can get some kid out on a zip line instead of playing video games and eating pizza, that's a huge win," said David Greusel of Convergence Design, whose projects have included a water slide at the University of Toledo. "It's also the logic of the grocery store: Once you get them in the door, they're going to buy something else. Once you get them in the rec center for the pool, maybe they're going to sign up for a yoga class." With resort-style facilities, though, comes the fear that an institution of higher learning sounds too much like a four-year vacation. Missouri State University, whose new pool opened in 2012 with a zip line and a lazy river, has tried to prevent that problem by calling the water ride a "current river" or a "bear river" (the school's mascot). Brandon Eckhardt, an assistant director of recreation at the school, said, "We

don't like to use the term

'lazy' because we're not

'lazy' in our institution."



Students watch "Jaws" as part of a "Dive-In Movie" at Missouri State University's Aquatic Center in Springfield, Mo. In the university recreation center arms race, the latest thing is to turn a piece of campus into something approaching a water theme park.

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lazy river is finished in 2016, it will spell out the letters "LSU" in the school's signature Geaux font.

"The students involved in the planning process wanted something cooler than what anyone else had," said Laurie Braden, the school's director of recreation. "University relations said it was OK as long as it followed the font appropriately and didn't take it out of scale."

In the university recreation center arms race - with 92 schools reporting more than \$1.7 billion in capital projects, according to a 2013 study from NIRSA: Leaders in Collegiate Recreation (formerly known as next year, include a zip line that students can ride out over the water, a 36-foot-diameter vortex of swirling water and a recessed fireplace on an island in the middle of the pool that students can swim up to. A small "rain garden" is planned to mist lounging students

At Clemson University in South Carolina, there's talk of redeveloping a 38-acre property on Lake Hartwell, across from the current rec center. The project may include "blobs," essentially floating mattresses placed so that students can jump from one to another.

"It's like an obstacle course, like 'American Ninja,'" said "Aquatics are a huge growth area," said Jack Patton, who leads the sports-facilities group at RDG Planning and Design, an architecture firm in Des Moines, Iowa. "A lot of students don't want to swim laps, but a leisure pool is a great equalizer: I can get my toes wet, I can play, I can study or I can go full in."

Per square foot, pools are the most expensive part of a rec center to run, so it makes sense that universities are looking for any way to lure more students to them, said Darren Bevard, a principal at Counsilman-Hunsaker, an aquatics design firm based in St. Louis

trillion, schools justify these facilities as important for recruitment and retention. Classrooms can look alike, but pools are a memorable tour stop for prospective students, especially, say, at the University of Missouri, where guides show off the indoor beach club's palm trees, lazy river and waterfall and coyly announce that the grotto was modeled after the one at the Playboy Mansion, something the firm that designed it, Counsilman-Hunsaker, confirmed. (A 2013 National Bureau of Economic Research study called "College as Country Club" found resort-style amenities have more ef-